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SRTEPC EXPORT AWARD FUNCTION

The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council (SRTEPC) held its Annual Export Award Function at Hotel Taj Land's End, Mumbai on Saturday 2nd February 2019. The Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, was the Chief Guest at the Function and presented the awards to exporters in recognition of their outstanding export performance for the year 2017-18.



On the dais at the Export Award Function from l to r Shri Sri Narain Aggarwal, Chairman, SRTEPC; Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles; Shri Anil Rajvanshi, Immediate Past Chairman & Convenor, Export Award Committee, SRTEPC and Shri Ronak Rughani, Vice Chairman, SRTEPC.

The Function was also attended by the past Chairmen of the Council, Members of the Committee of Administration and other Members of the Council. Industry stalwarts, dignitaries from Foreign Missions, Media Persons, representatives of the award winning companies and large number of member exporters of the Council

SRTEPC Export Awards

Over the years, it has been Council's endeavor to award excellence in export performance to its member exporters and to encourage them by introducing new award categories. This year was no different, and in order to give Home furnishings sector and Merchant exporters a boost, the Council included home furnishings in the Value Added Textiles category as well as two new categories for Merchant Exporters – Merchant Exporter Fabrics and Merchant Exporter Made-ups.

This year in total 45 Awards were presented to winners, of which one was the Certificate of Merit for achieving export growth for the year 2017-18.



Chief Guest Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles lighting lamp at the Export Award Function. Also seen in picture Shri Sri Narain Aggarwal, Chairman, SRTEPC; Shri Ronak Rughani, Vice Chairman, SRTEPC and Shri Anil Rajvanshi, immediate past Chairman & Convenor, Export Award Committee, SRTEPC

The SRTEPC Special Award for the Best Overall Export Performance (Gold Trophy) was won by Reliance Industries Limited. Grasim Industries Limited bagged the Silver Trophy for the Second Best Overall Export Performance while Wellknown

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SRTEPC PARTICIPATION IN COLOMBIATEX, MEDELLIN



“H.E. Shri Ravi Bangar, Ambassador of India to Colombia, interacting with Shri Ashish Mahajan, CoA Member, representing one of our member companies at Colombiatex”

As part of its Export Promotion Programmes for the year 2018-19, SRTEPC organized participation of 19 Indian companies in Colombiatex, which was held in Medellin from 22 to 24th January, 2019. Participation of Indian companies in Colombiatex, which is the most important textile and clothing industry trade Show, was organized with the assistance of the Embassy of India in Bogota and active support of Ministries of Commerce & Textiles, Govt. of India.

A Total number of 534 National and International companies participated as Exhibitors (326 National companies and 208 International companies) and around 14,424 buyers (12191 National buyers and 2233 International buyers) visited the COLOMBIATEX 2019. The Fair was composed of three main axes: Business, Fashion & Knowledge.

Colombiatex de las Américas is one of the most important trade show of the textile-confection sector in the region, backed with the UFI seal, which certifies it as an international fair of the highest quality.

Basic Objectives of Participation

Colombiatex is a renowned & established International Fair in the Latin American Region. Participation in the Colombiatex helped Indian participants to develop trade contacts for discussing business with their visiting buyers. Moreover, a large number of buyers – both from Colombia and other countries in the Latin American Region visit Colombiatex, thus providing an opportunity to meet leading importers from the entire region.

As a practice, Organizers of Colombiatex also provided a Business Platform for engagement between Exhibitors and Buyers through an online web-portal. This provided an excellent opportunity to our Exhibitors to display their latest range of products thereby creating interest among Colombian textile buyers.

Indian Participants and Display of Products

Nineteen member companies of the Council had put up on display their latest range of fabrics, Fashion fabrics, made-ups, yarn and apparels, which attracted many international visiting buyers. Products that were displayed in the Fair include suitings, shirtings, dress fabrics, fashion fabrics, yarns including denim fabrics of different varieties/blends/mixtures, and apparels.

Ambassador's visit to “India Pavilion”

The Ambassador of India to Colombia & Ecuador, H. E. Shri. Ravi Bangar visited the 'India Pavilion' which comprised 19 exhibitors from SRTEPC and 23 from Texprocil, on the first day of the Event. Shri. Bangar made it a point to visit each and every stall of India Pavilion. His personal interactions with the Indian Exhibitors were highly appreciated by the participating Indian Exhibitors during the Exhibition. During the discussion with the Ambassador, His Excellency suggested that the Council participate in Colombiatex for at least 3 consecutive years to build and develop business relationship with the leading textile buyers from Colombia and its neighboring countries thereby enhancing the trade between India and Colombia. Shri. Bangar also attended the opening ceremony of Colombiatex, which was arranged by the Organizers on the first day of the Event.

The patronage provided by Embassy of India was also appreciated by all concerned. The prompt assistance and support provided by the Embassy of India, especially in matters relating to issuance of Note Verbale for visa for participants and appropriate letter to Customs at Bogota for carrying samples by the Indian Exhibitors were also remarkable. All those efforts/assistance of the Embassy went a long way in making the participation of Indian companies effective and meaningful.

Publicity & Promotion

To ensure good footfalls of buyers to India Pavilion, the Council undertook the following activities to publicize and promote the India Pavilion in Colombiatex:

1. Put up 2 Light boxes at both the entrances highlighting the areas of exhibit of our Indian exhibitors to facilitate footfalls.
2. Designed and printed Exhibitors Catalogue in Spanish for its distribution to the target visiting buyers during the Exhibition.
3. Appointed a Professional Agency, Camara Colombia, part of the Bogota Chamber of Commerce for organizing exclusive one-to-one business meetings between SRTEPC Exhibitors and the leading textile buyers in Colombia. The agency was recommended by our Embassy.
4. Created an India Pavilion with Arc Gate to get the focused attention of visiting Buyers to India Pavilion.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Member,

I am glad to inform that the Council has successfully organized its Export Award Function on 2nd February 2019 in Mumbai to laud member-exporters for their excellence in export performance during the year 2017-18. We, at SRTEPC take this opportunity to congratulate all the award winners and expect their continuous effort to take exports to newer heights. Renewed efforts are required for increasing exports during these challenging global and domestic market conditions especially for the textiles in general and MMF in particular.

Let me take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles for her gracious presence and encouraging words which inspired us all and I wholeheartedly thank her for accepting our invitation to be the Chief Guest and present the awards despite her busy schedule. I am grateful to all the past Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and members of the Committee of Administration of the Council and other dignitaries for being present during the Function. The Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles during her speech informed that the Textile Ministry has recommended ROSL for fabric and yarn to the Commerce Ministry. She said that this was for the first time in the history of the textile industry that the Textile Ministry has stepped up and taken this one big step towards ensuring that neither the yarn nor the fabric industry exports any taxes and give them an opportunity for further growth for better future for both the fabric and yarn industry. We, are indeed grateful to the Hon'ble Union Minister for her support and assistance towards the interests of the MMF textile industry.

On the occasion of the Export Award Function, the Council had the privilege of conferring the Life Time Achievement Award on Shri Ganesh Kumar Gupta, President, Federation of Indian Exporters Organisation. Shri Gupta contribution to the MMF textile industry is commendable and we hope to receive his unstinted support and guidance to all the future endeavours of the Council.

I take this opportunity to thank Reliance Industries Ltd., D'décor Exports Pvt. Ltd., Wellknown Polyesters Ltd., Sutlej Textiles and Industries Ltd., Grasim Industries Ltd., Saam Textiles Limited, AYM Syntex Ltd., RSWM Ltd., Dicitex Furnishings Pvt. Ltd., Shubhalakshmi Polyesters Ltd., Dodhia Group, Shahlon Group, Rughani Brothers, Rishabh Apparel Pvt. Ltd., Union Bank of India, LIC, for supporting the event, which enabled us to hold the Export Aware Function in a befitting way. On the occasion of the Export Award Function, a scintillating Entertainment Programme was held. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all, especially members of the Committee of Administration, members of the Council, Government officials, representatives of their organizations and members of the Foreign Diplomatic Missions, and other attendees for their gracious presence which made the Export Award Function so special to all of us.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The export scenario is slowly improving. As per the data of Ministry of Commerce, exports of MMF textiles for the period April-December 2018-19 showed a marginal growth of 1.55% over the same period last year. Of the four product categories, exports of fabrics and fibre showed negative growth whereas made-ups and yarn showed positive trends. I am confident that the dynamics will be different in the next financial year and condition would be much more favourable for the exports of MMF textiles.

I am glad to inform you that the Meeting we had with the Drawback Committee last month whereby we had put forth our representations have been fruitful. We are grateful to the Drawback Committee for the kind considerations to our representations. However, there are certain areas which need their attention and we hope that these are reviewed appropriately so that the MMF textile exporters are suitably rewarded.

Friends we are almost at the end of the financial year 2018-19 and I may mention here that the Council on its part is preparing with its Export Promotional Programmes for next financial year 2019-20 under MAI Scheme and I hope that the members participate in big numbers in these Programmes to further enhance MMF exports.

Yours sincerely,

SRI NARAIN AGGARWAL
CHAIRMAN



Pakistan

Textile industry received Rs.14 billion under PM's export enhancement package

The Textile industry has received Rs. 14 billion during the first seven months of the current fiscal year under the Prime Minister's exports enhancement package in duty draw backs and exports of modern machinery for growth of textile sector.

The textiles sector would get additional Rs. 115 billion through the package during next five years for increasing the textile exports.

It is believed that that for the promotion of textile sector and textile led exports, the the government has rationalized price of energy including electricity and gas to help the industry grow in the country and is among top priorities of the government to create conducive business environment for textiles sector to enhance external trade and earn foreign exchange reserves.

The government had planned to expand coverage areas under the Export Enhancement Package to other industrial sectors including pharmaceuticals.

The government had also given relaxation on the import of textile machinery for bringing about modernization and enhance production capacity of this particular industry.

Through this package the cost of doing business would come down that would benefit both industrialists, exporters as well as the common people.

The package was aimed at enhancing confidence of the business community.

Source : www.brecorder.com

Vietnam

Ministry issues circular stipulating the Certificate of Origin rules

The Vietnamese Ministry of Industry and Trade recently issued a circular stipulating the certificates of origin (C/O) rules in the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). CPTPP has some different clauses compared to other free trade agreements (FTAs) that Vietnam has signed, according to the ministry's import-export department.

The differences include clauses related to rule of origin of goods and rules of origin of refurbished and recycled goods. The circular will take effect from March 8, 2019.

Goods exported from Vietnam would be applied with the C/O mechanism by agencies and organisations authorised by the Ministry, according to Vietnamese media reports.

The transition time to implement the mechanism of exporters eligible for self-certification of goods origin is carried out from 5 to10 years under the Ministry's guidance. The mechanism of Vietnamese importers certifying their origin is implemented after 5 years from the effective date of the CPTPP.

For Vietnamese goods exported before the effective date of this circular, C/O-granting agencies and organisations shall consider granting C/O forms to enjoy tariff preferences under the agreement and regulations of importing member countries.

Only when the origin requirements are met can Vietnamese products be exported to new markets to enjoy preferential tariffs. This is a strict rule of origin to prevent countries that are not members of the agreement from taking advantage of tax incentives.

CPTPP rules of origin for yarns are a big bottleneck for the industry. Vietnam still has to import nearly 99 per cent cotton, 1.3 million tonnes of fibre and 80 per cent fabric.

Source : Fibre2fashion

Turkey

Hopes to boost exports this year

Turkey's textile industry foresees weaker demand in the domestic market as rising costs will push prices higher, but hopes to boost exports this year. Turkey is the seventh largest textile and textile raw materials supplier in the world. The textile industry will also target the South American and Far Eastern markets.

Last year, Turkish firms shipped goods to a total of 188 countries, but the EU remained the largest single market with US\$5.4 billion in export revenues. Exports to Russia, meanwhile, soared 107 percent and sales to Belarus jumped 43 percent. Exports to Portugal saw a 26.3 percent increase. Turkey's textile industry foresees weaker demand in the domestic market as rising costs will push prices higher, but hopes to boost exports this year.

Exports of the textile and raw materials industry increased by 4.5 percent in 2018 from a year ago, hitting US\$10.5 billion. The target for 2019 is to generate more than US\$11 billion in export revenues. We expect to boost exports in 75 percent of our markets. The industry's three largest export markets are Germany, Italy and the U.S., while 50 percent of exports go to the EU.

Source : yarnsandfibers

Uzbekistan

Garment and textile export growth to reach US\$7 billion by 2025

Uzbekistan is eyeing garment and textile export growth to US\$7bn a year by 2025 under a new plan being developed by the country's government.

The President of Uzbekistan, has signed a decree titled "On measures to further deepen reforms and expand the export potential of the textile and garment and knitwear industry" aimed at boosting production of raw materials and increasing export volumes of garments.

The decree sets the government a three-month deadline in which it must develop and approve a five-year plan for Uzbekistan to reprocess all of its cotton domestically and increase the export volumes of textile products to US\$7bn. Under the plan, Uzbek textile and garment companies that export at least 80% of their products will be provided with state support.

It is also expected to include measures for exhibiting at global trade fairs and outlining agreements with the EU, Turkey, Korea, China and other countries on simplifying customs payments and customs fees for national textile products.

Other recommendations include setting up an information portal for the industry that details tenders, exhibitions and fairs; remote training for small businesses on export procedures; detailed reports on the import and export of textile and clothing and knitwear products from around the world; and the creation of an interactive map of Uzbekistan showing textile and garment industry manufacturers and suppliers of services, materials and raw materials.

Traditionally, cotton is Uzbekistan's most important cash crop but the country has been taking steps recently to develop its textile industry to produce value-added products.

In July, Uzbekistan and Japan held discussions on co-operating in textiles, with research and investment a focus.

The annual export of textiles of Uzbekistan reached US\$1.6bn in 2018 up 41.4% on a year earlier.

Source : just-style.com

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Exports to touch US\$ 325 billion in 2018-19

The Commerce Secretary, Shri Anup Wadhawan has said that despite a slowdown in growth of exports in the third quarter, India's exports are on track to touch a record high of US\$325 billion in 2018-19.

He further stated that for the last three years, our exports have been growing and I have been saying that our exports are on track for reaching a record level this year. We are going to surpass the old level of US\$314 billion of exports in 2013-14. He said that exports are on the way of achieving a record performance. Right now it is 10 per cent up.

The Commerce Department had organised a meeting with export promotion councils and other key exporters to discuss various issues being faced by them and examine ways by which merchandise exports may reach US\$325 billion by March.

India recorded a growth of 9.7 per cent in goods exports to US\$303 billion in 2017-18 over the same period last year.

While overall exports in the first three quarters posted a growth of 10 per cent, there has been a slowdown in exports in the third quarter. This is a major concern for exporters as the dip has taken place in labour-intensive sectors such as leather, man-made textiles, gems & jewellery and engineering products.

It is believed that the downturn was due to slowdown in global demand and a fall in global prices.

The Commerce Department is already implementing a detailed export promotion strategy in consultation with stakeholders, including the Export Promotion Councils, exporters and financial institutions.

The Department is having an ongoing export strategy where all issues are documented and pursued on a regular basis in consultation with the exporters. Mostly these were the issues that were reiterated (at the meeting). Many issues have already been resolved such as extending interest subvention to merchant exporters.

Source : Business Line

India eager to treble exports to Argentina

India wants to triple exports to Argentina, eyeing an additional US\$1.5 billion worth of shipments, and is seeking market access for among others textiles and apparel and home furnishing products in the South American country.

Indian exporters of office stationery, handicrafts and home furnishing products have pushed for the removal of non-tariff barriers such as custom clearances to help increase current exports of US\$10 million to US\$100 million. Exporters also want a reduction in the 25% import duty on sports equipment.

India's exports to Argentina were US\$708.7 million in 2017-18, consisting mainly of organic chemicals, vehicles and auto parts, lubricants, machinery, sound and image devices and garments. Import .. from Argentina were US\$2.2 billion, mainly soybean oil, petroleum, copper, sunflower oil, leather, wool and ferroalloys.

Lack of direct flight connectivity between LatAm and South Asia is a major roadblock in developing people-to-people interaction, travel and tourism. The two sides are likely to discuss this matter.

Source : The Economic Times

US-China trade war to benefit India

The US-China trade war is expected to boost the Indian economy with a 3.5 per cent rise in exports while the biggest winner will be the European Union (EU), which will gain US\$70 billion in additional trade, according to a recent report by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). A handful of nations will benefit from the trade diversion.

The report titled "The Trade Wars: The Pain and the Gain" states that substantial effects relative to the size of their exports are expected for Australia, Brazil, India, the Philippines, Pakistan and Vietnam.

Bilateral tariffs alter global competitiveness to the advantage of firms operating in countries not directly affected by them.

The study found that European exports will grow by US\$70 billion, while Japan, Canada and Mexico will see exports increase by more than US\$20 billion each.

Countries that are expected to benefit the most from US-China tensions are those which are more competitive and have the economic capacity to replace US and Chinese firms.

The trade war will also have a number of negative effects on global trade, especially within certain markets. There will be huge costs if the trade war intensified and Asian countries are likely to suffer most from protectionism.

East Asian producers will be hit the hardest, with a projected US\$160 billion contraction in the region's exports.

Source : Fibre2fashion

Exports to China to be at an all-time high this fiscal

India's exports to China is expected to reach an all-time high this fiscal with the US-China trade spat creating new opportunities for exporters and Beijing removing some trade barriers in its effort to check the growing bilateral trade imbalance.

India's exports to China have grown after several years. India is poised to achieve its highest ever exports to the country this fiscal. Between April and December 2018, exports were US\$12.7 billion which is closer to last year's exports of US\$13.33 billion.

India, however, believes that more efforts are required for greater market penetration in China.

India's trade deficit with China was a huge US\$63 billion in 2017-18, which was more than a third of the country's total trade deficit, with exports to China at US\$13.3 billion and imports from the country at US\$76.38 billion.

It is learnt that making the most of the US-China trade dispute, the Department of Commerce took the initiative to identify and share with Indian exporters and other stakeholders, specific lines where the US will lose competitiveness in China and where India had an export potential.

Source : The Business Line

Centre to come out will steps to benefit the textiles and apparel exports

The Centre will soon announce measures to boost exports of apparels and textiles which will be compliant with the World Trade Organization norms and help exporters meet competition from countries such as Bangladesh and Vietnam.

Shri Raghvendra Singh, Secretary Textiles has said that exporters of apparels and made-ups have been finding it difficult to compete with countries such as Bangladesh and Vietnam, which get zero-duty access to markets such as the EU. Over the last few months, we have held discussions with the Departments of Commerce and Revenue and we will shortly come up with some measures for the sector which would also be WTO-compliant.

He further said that export schemes were WTO-compliant was an important issue now and the Ministry was working on the recommendations of the committees set up to examine WTO compatibility of schemes.

The Textiles Secretary, however, did not clarify on how long the popular Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS), which is one of the five schemes challenged by the US at the WTO, will continue. The US wants India to do away with the scheme as the country had crossed the average per capita income level of US\$1,000 some time back and was no longer eligible to give export sops.

He also indicated that the Rebate of State Levies (RoSL) scheme could be expanded to increase the level of benefits to exporters. The RoSL does not flout global trade rules as it involves refund of taxes and levies paid by exporters and is not a subsidy.

Source : Business Line

Significant rise in export value of MSMEs

The Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Shri Giriraj Singh, has said that the value of MSME-related products exported during 2017-18 has reached US\$147,390.08 million, as per the information received from the Directorate-General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S).

MSME exports were valued at Rs 137,068.80 million in 2016-17.

He further informed that the government has taken several measures to enhance exports by MSMEs. These include efforts made under the Make in India programme, promotion of Ease of Doing Business, improved availability of credit through MUDRA, Stand up India, the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) for incentivising export of specified goods to specified markets, Service Exports from India Scheme (SEIS) for increasing exports of notified services from India, 2 per cent interest subvention for all GST registered MSMEs on fresh or incremental loans, and increase in interest rebate from 3 per cent to 5 per cent for exporters who receive pre-shipment and post-shipment loans.

Source : eximin.net



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2)	Notification No. 11/2019-Cus (NT)	15.02.2019	Exchange Rates Notification No.11/2019-Custom (NT) dated 15.02.2019	CBIC notifies the exchange rate conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency relating to import and export of goods. w.e.f. 16.2.2019.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2019/cs-nt2019/csnt11-2019.pdf
3)	Notification No. 09/2019-Cus (NT)	07.02.2019	Exchange Rates Notification No.09/2019-Custom (NT) dated 7.02.2019	CBIC notifies the exchange rate conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency relating to import and export of goods. w.e.f. 8.2.2019.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2019/cs-nt2019/csnt09-2019.pdf
4)	Notification No. 10/2019-Cus (ADD)	12.2.2019	Seeks to amend notification No. 35/2018-Customs(ADD) dated 9.7.2018 to amend the name of exporters	Amendments made in Notification No. 35/2018-Customs (ADD) dated 9 th July, 2018 to amend the name of exporters of High Tenacity Polyester Yarn (HTPY) from China PR at S. Nos. 1 and 2 of the duty table.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2019/cs-add2019/csadd10-2019.pdf
5)	Circular No. 4/2019-Customs	1.2.2019	Rescinding Board Circular No. 46/2017-Customs dated 24th November, 2017	Circular No.46/2017-Customs dated 24 th November, 2017 stands rescinded on the date of supersession by Circular No. 3/1/2018-IGST dated 25 th May, 2018 w.e.f. 1 st April, 2018.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/resources/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-circulars/cs-circulars-2019/Circular-04-2019-Customs.pdf
6)	Circular No. 3/2019-Customs	31.1.2019	Procedure to be followed in cases of manufacturing or other operations undertaken in bonded warehouses under section 65 of Customs Act	Board has decided to allow labeling/ fixing RSP etc. to fulfill statutory compliance requirements in all Customs Bonded Warehouse without the requirement of taking permission under Section 65 of the Customs Act.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-circulars/cs-circulars-2019/Circular-03-2019-Customs.pdf

SAHAR AIR CARGO CUSTOMS

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Public Notice No. 3/2019	15.2.2019	CBIC's Disaster Recovery (DR) Simulation Drill	CBIC's Disaster Recovery (DR) Simulation Drill was scheduled to be conducted from 18:00 hrs. on 15.2.2019 to 12:00 hrs. on 17.2.2019.	http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2019/Public-notice-03-2019.pdf
2)	Public Notice No. 2/2019	15.2.2019	-	Importers, Exporters, Custom Brokers & members of Trade are advised to file the declarations correctly & accurately from the date of implementation.	http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2019/Public-notice-02-2019.pdf
3)	Public Notice No. 1/2019	28.1.2019	-	Due to updation activities of ICES due to Budget, the filing of Bills of entry in ICES was unavailable from 18.00 hrs. on 1.2.2019.	http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2019/Public-notice-01-2019.pdf



JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Public Notice No. 15/2019	15.2.2019	Extension of facility of Direct Port Delivery to AEO importers	All AEO (T1,T2,T3) Clients operating at JNCH listed in Annexure 'A' to this Public Notice are granted DPD facility.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/Public%20Notice%20No.%2015_2019.pdf
2)	Public Notice No. 13/2019	6.2.2019	Standard Operating Procedure consequent to commencement of "Document Processing Area" in Parking Plaza & Gate Automation for Export & Import through NSICT/ NSIGT, GTI & JNPCT	JNCH Customs has directed that custodians of the parking plaza's shall ensure that no containers shall leave parking plaza premises without the due process of registration and issue of LEO in respect of the shipping bill.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/PN%2013-2019.pdf
3)	Public Notice No. 12/2019	6.2.2019	Nonfunctioning of Mobile scanner at Port Terminal; Revised Procedure for scanning of DPD-DPD mode containers	In order to facilitate the accredited AEO importers without entailment of additional cost and time, procedures for scanning of DPD-DPD mode Container are prescribed in the given Public Notice.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/PNo.12%20of%202019.pdf
4)	Public Notice No. 11/2019	5.2.2019	IGST Export Refunds– resolution of errors	The reasons for EGM errors hampering the IGST refund processing are given in the Public Notice.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/PNo.11%20of%202019.pdf
5)	Public Notice No. 10/2019	1.2.2019	Procedure for clearance of Export LCL Cargo categorized as Hazardous Goods	It is clarified that the procedure outlined in Public Notice No.46/2017, dated 31.03.2017 is applicable to containerized cargo as well as LCL cargo.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/PN%20to%2010%20of%202019.pdf
6)	Public Notice No. 7/2019	16.1.2019	Implementation of eSANCHIT in Exports on mandatory basis	The procedure for uploading supporting documents in exports is similar to the one prescribed for eSANCHIT in imports.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/PN%2007-2019.pdf
7)	Public Notice No. 6/2019	15.1.2019	SAD Refund drive from 16th january 2019 to 31st January 2019	Customs will intensify the efforts to ascertain & disposal of all pending SAD refunds claims by observing a special drive "SAD Refund" from 16.1.2019 to 31.1.2019.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/public%20notice%2006.pdf
8)	Public Notice No. 5/2019	9.1.2019	Pendency of various authorizations of Export Promotion Schemes in EP Schemes Management & Monitoring Cell	Details of the List of the pending authorisations of Export Promotion Schemes(Advance/EPCG/DFIA/EOU) are given that remains pending due to non-receipt of Export Obligation Discharge Certificate/Redemption letter issued by Joint DGFT.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/05-2019%20Public%20%20Notice.pdf
9)	Public Notice No. 4/2019	4.1.2019	Operationalization of Drive Through Scanner	JNCH Customs has prescribed the procedures for operationalization of Drive through scanner.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/PN%2004%20DTS%2004.01.2019.pdf
10)	Public Notice No. 3/2019	2.1.2019	To reduce delay in clearances of "re-imported goods" where benefit of exemption from payment of duty is claimed under any Notification	In order to ensure that there is no delay in processing of documents and clearance of such goods, JNCH Customs has prescribed procedures that should be followed by importers.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/PN%2003-2019.pdf

GST RELATED NOTIFICATIONS

CENTRAL TAX NOTIFICATIONS

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

Notification No./ Date	Subject
06/2019-Central Tax ,dt. 29-01-2019	Seeks to amend notification No. 65/2017-Central Tax dated 15.11.2017 in view of bringing into effect the amendments (to align Special Category States with the explanation in section 22 of CGST Act, 2017) in the GST Acts
05/2019-Central Tax ,dt. 29-01-2019	Seeks to amend notification No. 8/2017-Central Tax dated 27.06.2017 so as to align the rates for Composition Scheme with CGST Rules, 2017
03/2019-Central Tax ,dt. 29-01-2019	Seeks to amend the CGST Rules, 2017
02/2019-Central Tax ,dt. 29-01-2019	Seeks to bring into force the CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018

CENTRAL TAX (RATE) NOTIFICATIONS

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

Notification No./ Date	Subject
01/2019-Central Tax (Rate) , dt. 29-01-2019	Seeks to rescind notification No. 32/2017 - Integrated Tax (Rate) dated 13.10.2017 in view of bringing into effect the amendments (regarding RCM on supplies by unregistered persons) in the GST Acts

INTEGRATED TAX NOTIFICATIONS

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

Notification No./ Date	Subject
03/2019- Integrated Tax, dt. 29-01-2019	Seeks to amend notification No. 10/2017-Integrated Tax dated 13.10.2017 in view of bringing into effect the amendments (to align Special Category States with the explanation in section 22 of CGST Act, 2017) in the GST Acts
02/2019-Integrated Tax, dt. 29-01-2019	Seeks to amend notification No. 7/2017-Integrated Tax dated 14.09.2017 to align with the amended Annexure to Rule 138(14) of the CGST Rules, 2017.
01/2019-Integrated Tax, dt. 29-01-2019	Seeks to bring into force the IGST (Amendment) Act, 2018

INTEGRATED TAX (RATE) NOTIFICATIONS

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

Notification No./ Date	Subject
02/2019-Integrated Tax (Rate) , dt. 04-02-2019	Seeks to rescind Sl. No. 10D of Notification No. 09/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 in relation to exemption of IGST on supply of services having place of supply in Nepal or Bhutan, against payment in Indian Rupees.
01/2019-Integrated Tax (Rate) , dt. 29-01-2019	Seeks to rescind notification No. 32/2017 - Integrated Tax (Rate) dated 13.10.2017 in view of bringing into effect the amendments (regarding RCM on supplies by unregistered persons) in the GST Acts

UNION TERRITORY TAX NOTIFICATIONS

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

Notification No./ Date	Subject
01/2019-Union Territory Tax, dt. 29-01-2019	Seeks to bring into force the UTGST (Amendment) Act, 2018



UNION TERRITORY TAX (RATE) NOTIFICATIONS

(<http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/gst/union-territory-tax-rate-2017>)

Notification No./ Date	Subject
01/2019-Union TerritoryTax(Rate), dt. 29-01-2019	Seeks to rescind notification No. 8/2017-Union Territory Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 in view of bringing into effect the amendments (regarding RCM on supplies by unregistered persons) in the GST Acts

COMPENSATION CESS NOTIFICATIONS

(<http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/gst/compensation-cess-2017>)

Notification No./ Date	Subject
01/2019-Compensation Cess, dt. 29-01-2019	Seeks to bring into force the GST (Compensation to States) Amendment Act, 2018

GST RELATEDCIRCULARS/ ORDERS

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

Circular/ Order No.	Date	Subject
Circular No. 91/2019-CGST	18-02-2019	Seeks to give clarification regarding tax payment made for supply of warehoused goods while being deposited in a customs bonded warehouse for the period July, 2017 to March, 2018
Circular No. 90/2019-CGST		Seeks to clarify situations of compliance of rule 46(n) of the CGST Rules, 2017 while issuing invoices in case of inter- State supply.
Circular No. 89/2019-CGST		Seeks to clarify situations of mentioning details of inter-State supplies made to unregistered persons in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B and Table 7B of FORM GSTR-1.
Circular No. 88/2019- CGST	01-02-2019	Seeks to make amendments in the earlier issued circulars in wake of amendments in the CGST Act, 2017 (which shall come into force w.e.f. 01.02.2019).
Circular No 04/01/2019-GST		Seeks to make amendments in the earlier issued circulars in wake of amendments in the CGST Act, 2017 (which shall come into force w.e.f. 01.02.2019).
Order-01/2019-GST	31-01-2019	Extension of time limit for submitting the declaration in FORM GST TRAN-1 under rule 117 (1A) of the Central Goods and Service Tax Rules, 2017 in certain cases.

PRESS RELEASES

Ministry	Date	Subject
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	13.2.2019	Cabinet approves continuation of Credit Linked Capital Subsidy and Technology Up-gradation Scheme (CLCS-TUS) beyond 12th Plan for three years from 2017-18 to 2019-20
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	15.2.2019	Suresh Prabhu Chairs Board of Trade Meeting

Frequently Asked Questions - Credit Linked Capital Subsidy and Technology Upgradation Scheme

Background

In order to promote 'Ease of Doing Business' and support the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), various schemes have been implemented by the Government from time to time. One such vital scheme is the Credit Linked Capital Subsidy and Technology Upgradation Scheme (CLCS-TUS) for MSMEs, introduced in the financial year 2000-01 for MSMEs.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) had approved the changes in ceiling of credit from Rs. 40 lakhs to Rs.1 crore with the rate of subsidy enhanced from 12% to 15% on 29th September, 2005.

Now, CCEA has approved continuation of CLCS-TUS Scheme for three years from 2017-18 to 2019-20, with a total outlay of Rs 2,900 crore on 13th February, 2019. The scheme is more inclusive and demand driven. This Scheme is linked with term loans availed by the MSMEs from Banks or Financial Institutions.

Given- below are the Frequently Asked Questions regarding CLCS-TUS Scheme-

❖ What is CLCS- TUS?

- Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme and Technology Upgradation Scheme (CLCS- TUS) is for technology upgradation of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country.

❖ When CLCS- TUS was launched?

- The Scheme was launched on 1st October, 2000.

❖ What is the objective of this scheme?

- To facilitate technology up-gradation in MSMEs by providing an upfront capital subsidy of 15% (on institutional finance of upto Rs. 1 crore availed by them) for induction of well-established and improved technology in the specified 51 sub-sectors/ products approved.
- To improve the competitiveness of MSMEs by integrating the on-going schematic interventions aimed at up-grading technology through CLCS.
- Hand holding for zero defect zero effect manufacturing (ZED),
- To increase productivity through-
 - ✓ Waste reduction (Lean),
 - ✓ Design intervention (Design),
 - ✓ Cloud computing (Digital MSMEs),
 - ✓ Facilitation of intellectual property (IPR),
 - ✓ Nurturing of new ideas (Incubation).

❖ Who can be benefitted?

- MSMEs having a valid Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum (UAM) number.

❖ What are benefits of filing Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum?

- Udyog Aadhaar registration will enable the units/enterprises to seek information and apply online about various services being offered by all Ministries and Departments.
- The process of obtaining Udyog Aadhaar Number is free-of cost, paper-less and results in instant registration.

❖ Who can apply?

- Banks and financial institutions can apply to DC-MSME for availing support.
- MSMEs need to directly contact the respective banks for getting credit and capital subsidy.



❖ **Name the Nodal Agencies involved in this scheme?**

- At present, the Scheme is being implemented by 12 nodal banks / agencies including Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) & National Bank For Agriculture And Rural Development (NABARD).
- Except SIDBI and NABARD, all the nodal banks / agencies would consider proposals only in respect of credit approved by their respective branches,
- For other Primary Lending Institutions (PLI) approved under the guidelines, SIDBI and NABARD would be the nodal agencies for release of subsidy under this Scheme. Online Application and Tracking System has been introduced w.e.f. 01.10.2013 and the SME units need to upload their subsidy claim application through their PLIs.

❖ **What are the provisions made in this revised scheme?**

- To promote entrepreneurship for the following-
 - ✓ SC/STs,
 - ✓ Women NER,
 - ✓ Hill States (Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand)
 - ✓ Island Territories (Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep)
 - ✓ Aspirational Districts/ LWE Districts
(In the above cases the subsidy shall be admissible also for investment in acquisition / replacement of plant & machinery / equipment & technology up-gradation of any kind).
- Reduction in emission level of greenhouse gases through Zero Defect & Zero Effect.
- To improve the competitiveness through reduction in defect / wastage during the manufacturing process of the products.
- Promotion of innovation, digital empowerment of MSMEs, design interventions and support the protection of intellectual property of MSMEs.
- To facilitate the following-
 - ✓ Facilitation of technology up-gradation to MSEs,
 - ✓ Improvement in Quality of products by MSMEs,
 - ✓ Enhancement in productivity,
 - ✓ Reduction in waste.
- To promote a culture of continuous improvement.

❖ **Is there any web-site from where I can get more details of the CLCS- TUS?**

- Yes, details on CLCS- TUS can be availed from www.dcmsme.gov.in.

❖ **How to claim subsidy under this scheme?**

- Online Application and Tracking System has been introduced w.e.f. 1st October, 2013.
- To claim subsidy under CLCS-TUS, eligible MSMEs need to follow the below steps-
 - ✓ To apply online through Primary Lending Institutions (PLIs), from where the MSMEs availed term loan for up-gradation of technology.
 - ✓ The completed application is being uploaded by PLI through Online Application and Tracking System to the attached Nodal Agency, which, in turn, recommends the application online to Office of DC (MSME) for release of subsidy.
 - ✓ After processing of application and subject to availability of funds, due approval is accorded from competent authority and concurrence of Internal Finance Wing, after which funds are released to Nodal Agencies.
 - ✓ Funds are then transferred by the Nodal Agencies to the PLIs where the account of the MSE is operated.

Source:

- <https://msme.gov.in/know-about-scheme-2>
- http://www.dcmsme.gov.in/schemes/credit_link_scheme.htm
- <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1564333>
- <https://www.drishtias.com/daily-updates/daily-news-analysis/credit-linked-capital-subsidy-and-technology-up-gradation-scheme>



**Shri Murarilal Jhunjunwala,
Long standing member of the Committee of Administration**

Shri Murarilal Jhunjunwala was born in 1955. He has been a long standing member of the Committee of Administration of the Council.

Shri M. L. Junjunwala joined M/s. RSWM Ltd. in 1992. He was President of RSWM Ltd, a part of LNJ Bhilwara Group. RSWM Ltd is a leading manufacturer and exporter of synthetic textiles from India. RSWM Ltd has won several export awards in various categories over the years of SRTEPC. Shri Jhunjunwala worked with RSWM Ltd. for 25 years.

A cost accountant by profession his deep knowledge of Foreign Trade Policy, Customs Laws and Anti dumping duty Laws was Shri Jhunjunwala's forte. The Council sought his help in solving many issues related to Foreign Trade Policy, Customs Laws and especially Anti Dumping issues in which he had an expertise. He was an active participant in various activities of the Council such as Seminars, Workshops and Discussions and gave his valuable inputs on these matters.

He was also member of Council's sub- Committees on Foreign Trade Policy, Drawback and customs and gave valuable inputs on export related policy issues.

He was also Chairman of Bombay Textile Research Association for 2 years. He was Vice President of Indian Spinners Association. He represented RSWM Ltd on several export promotion bodies like FIEO, Texprocil etc.

After a long innings of more than two decades as the Member of Committee of Administration of the Council and also having retired from his services at M/s. RSWM Ltd., Shri Jhunjunwala is now exploring various options to pursue his interests.



Ecosystem of Indian textile industry and the promise exports business holds for the future
By Shri Ajay Arora, Managing Director, D'décor Home Fabrics Pvt. Ltd.

The Indian textile industry contributes 2% to the overall GDP and 15% to the country's exports. As the second largest industry after agriculture, the Indian Government relies on the textile industry to provide employment to more than 45 million people across the country. As per latest figures from IBEF, with the current pace of annual growth at ~8.7%, Indian textile industry would cross USD 226 billion in 2023.

The Indian Government plays an important role in keeping the textile industry competitive on a global scale. While the Government has taken initiatives to attract investment and ease labour laws in this sector, few long-standing challenges threaten to take away the industry's competitive edge. Some of these key challenges are high cost of power, delay in release of export benefits like RoSL (Rebate of State Levies), refund of GST accumulated credits, TUF subsidies and limited Free Trade Agreements with other nations. Due to these bottlenecks, many Indian textile units face a stretched balance sheet on one hand and stiff competition from global manufacturing hubs to capture the emerging market opportunities on the other. To realize the 'Make in India' vision of increasing manufacturing base from 15% to 25%, it is important to overcome these challenges.

Moving to exports orientation in the Indian Textile industry, the sector is riding the positive growth wave. India's overall textile exports in FY-2018 stood at USD 39.2 billion at a growth of 4.5% per annum. Despite US and other mature markets taking maximum share in the exports pie, it is heartening to see such growth in textile exports. When combined with favourable exchange rate environment of INR with respect to US Dollar, it translates to double-digit growth for the industry.

Viewing from supply side, 2018 has been a year of favourable change. China's trade war with US coupled with rising labour costs and stricter environment controls leading to shut down of dye houses has made it a lesser preferable supplier country. With international brands and retailers looking to hedge their supply chain risk against China's situation, there is an opportunity for India to increase its share in the global textile exports pie. To grab additional market share and to maintain the new normal, Indian exporters need to differentiate their products with innovative design, better quality and responsive service. With the world going digital, consumers are living in an era of Amazon, enjoying unprecedented choice with no waiting time to fulfil their requirements. Indian exporters will have to wake up to this reality and will have to manage a demanding supply chain of smaller orders, shorter lead times, more variety and spikes from time to time.

In the long term, Indian textile exporters will have to graduate from buyer-supplier relationship focus to owning global distribution through partnerships. India's comparative advantage as a textile manufacturing hub is being challenged by the textile driven economies of Pakistan and Bangladesh. India's low-cost labour and raw material advantage is being offset by Free Trade Agreements by other countries and the exchange rate cover is playing against Indian exporters as it draws more foreign capital inflow. Owning global distribution and becoming a B2C organization is the only way as it helps to hedge against increasing B2B risks and builds long term customer relationships.

In the next 5 years, with the political uncertainty looming large on the US, impending Brexit in UK and growing debt in certain mature economies, Indian textile companies must adopt a multi-country strategy to keep the growth momentum rolling as it helps in reducing dependency on few vulnerable economies. This means becoming flexible to different tastes, culture, market patterns and upping quality standards whenever required.

The future of the Indian textile industry holds great promise due to four factors, the first of which is strong domestic consumption support. With consumerism and disposable income on the rise, the retail sector has experienced a rapid growth in the past decade with the entry of e-commerce companies and several international players like Marks & Spencer, Guess, Next and IKEA into the Indian market. The second factor is that China is becoming less competitive as it battles rising labour costs, stricter environmental controls and engages in trade war with the US. Thirdly, key export markets such as the US are showing signs of economic recovery and lastly, Indian Government is working towards solving key structural challenges to keep exports economy on a growth path.

With market conditions conducive for growth, it's time for companies to align their strategies and usher in Indian Textile industry 2.0.



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SPEAKERS AT THE FUNCTION



Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani,
Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles



Shri Sri Narain Aggarwal,
Chairman, SRTEPC



Shri Anil Rajvanshi,
Immediate past Chairman
& Convenor, Export Award
Committee, SRTEPC



Shri Ronak Rughani,
Vice Chairman, SRTEPC

Polyesters Ltd. was awarded the Bronze Trophy for the Third Best Overall Export Performance. RSWM Limited won the Trophy for Fourth Best Overall Export Performance. The other companies who received Awards this year in various categories were D'décor Exports Pvt. Ltd., D'décor Home Fabrics Pvt. Ltd., Sutej Textiles and Industries Ltd., Saam Textiles Pvt. Ltd., Dicitex Furnishings Pvt. Ltd., Wearit Global Ltd., Le Merite Exports Ltd., Art Yarn Exports (India) Ltd., Indian Acrylics Ltd., Grasim Industries Ltd. (formerly known as Aditya Birla Nuvo Ltd.) Unit Indian Rayon, Daman Polythread Ltd., Vardhman Textiles Ltd., Madura Coats Pvt. Ltd., Banswara Syntex Ltd., Pee Vee Textiles Ltd., Kishorilal Shyamsunder, SKAPS Industries (India) Ltd., Shriram Rayons, Reaghan Fashions Pvt. Ltd., Samyak Synthetics Pvt. Ltd., BSL Ltd. and Nirvan Silk Mills

Introductory Speech

In his introductory speech, the Convener, Shri Anil Rajvanshi heartily welcomed everybody to this Function. He further stated

that this year has been a challenging year from the point of view of foreign exchange and crude volatility, however, MMF textile exporters have overcome all these hurdles and achieved 3% growth in exports, he credited this to the active support of the Hon'ble Union Minister for Textiles and consistent efforts of the Council to facilitate exports. He stated that the MMF textile segment could achieve refund of unutilized ITC on fabrics; and although this was mid way through the year, it is a big achievement for our weavers especially powerloom weavers who were paying higher GST on input and having lower GST on output i.e., fabric. He further said that today we have 2500 members of which majority of them are weavers and powerloom weavers especially from Surat which today is the largest manufacturer and exporter of Man-made fibre fabrics in the country. He said that we require some bilateral trade treaties which may be in terms of Preferential Trade Agreements especially with Turkey and EU which would go a long way in helping our exports grow further.



Shri Sri Narain Aggarwal, Chairman, SRTEPC felicitating the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles with a shawl.



Shri Ronak Rughani, Vice Chairman, SRTEPC presenting a memento to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles



Shri J. Raghunath, Sr. Vice President, Reliance Industries Limited receiving the Best Overall Export Performance Award for the year 2017-18 from the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani.



Shri Suraj Bahirwani, President, Sales & Marketing, Grasim Industries Ltd. receiving the Second Best Overall Export Performance Award for the year 2017-18 from Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani.

SRTEPC Award winners for the year 2017-18

SRTEPC Special Award (For Overall Export Performance)

Reliance Industries Limited	Gold Trophy
Grasim Industries Limited	Silver Trophy
Wellknown Polyesters Ltd.	Bronze Trophy
RSWM Limited	Trophy

MERCHANT EXPORTER

Dicitex Furnishings Pvt. Ltd.	Gold Trophy
Wearit Global Limited	Silver Trophy
Le Merite Exports (P) Ltd.	Bronze Trophy
Art Yarn Exports (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Trophy

POLYESTER STAPLE FIBRE

Reliance Industries Limited	Gold Trophy
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VISCOSE STAPLE FIBRE

Grasim Industries Limited	Gold Trophy
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ACRYLIC STAPLE FIBRE

Indian Acrylics Limited	Gold Trophy
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CONTINUOUS YARN

Reliance Industries Limited	Gold Trophy
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Wellknown Polyesters Ltd.	Silver Trophy
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CONTINUOUS VISCOSE YARN

Grasim Industries Limited	Gold Trophy
(formerly known as Aditya Birla Nuvo Limited)	

CONTINUOUS POLYPROPYLENE YARN

Daman Polythread Ltd.	Gold Trophy
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SPUN YARN

RSWM Limited	Gold Trophy
Sutlej Textiles And Industries Limited	Silver Trophy

MAN-MADE FIBRE YARN BLENDED WITH NATURAL FIBRE

Vardhman Textiles Limited	Gold Trophy
RSWM Limited	Silver Trophy

SEWING THREAD/EMBROIDERY THREAD/METALLIC YARN

Madura Coats Private Limited	Gold Trophy
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SYNTHETIC & RAYON FILAMENT FABRICS

D'décor Exports Pvt. Ltd.	Gold Trophy
D'décor Home Fabrics Pvt. Ltd.	Silver Trophy

SYNTHETIC & RAYON SPUN FABRICS



Shri K. B. Rughani, Managing Partner; Shri Ronak Rughani, Jt. Managing Partner and Shri Bhavya Rughani, Partner receiving the Gold Trophy for Best Export Award for the year 2017-18 in the category of Merchant Exporter Fabrics from the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani.



Shri Mukesh Bhargava, Founder & Director, Shri Armaan Bhargava & Shri Shaurya Bhargava, Directors, Saam Textiles Pvt. Ltd. receiving the Silver Trophy for Second Best Export Performance in the category of Synthetic & rayon spun fabrics for the year 2017-18 from the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani.



Shri Rahul Gupta, Director, Wellknown Polyesters Ltd., receiving the Third Best Overall Export Performance Award for the year 2017-18 from the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani.



Shri Ashutosh Sharma, Vice President, RSWM Ltd. receiving the Fourth Best Overall Export Performance Award for the year 2017-18 from the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani.

Banswara Syntex Limited	Gold Trophy
Saam Textiles Pvt. Ltd.	Silver Trophy
BLENDED FABRICS OF SYNTHETIC FIBRE AND NATURAL FIBRES	
D'décor Home Fabrics Pvt. Ltd.	Gold Trophy
Pee Vee Textiles Limited	Silver Trophy
KNITTED FABRICS	
Loyal Textile Mills Ltd.	Gold Trophy
Goyal Knitfab Pvt. Ltd.	Silver Trophy
FABRIC-BASED MADE UPS	
Dicitex Furnishings Pvt. Limited	Gold Trophy
D'décor Home Fabrics Pvt. Ltd.	Silver Trophy
Kishorilal Shyamsunder	Bronze Trophy
HOME FURNISHINGS AND VALUE ADDED/EMBROIDERED TEXTILES	
D'décor Exports Pvt. Ltd.	Gold Trophy
FIBRE/YARN-BASED SYNTHETIC TECHNICAL TEXTILES	
SKAPS Industries India Pvt. Ltd.	Gold Trophy
FABRIC-BASED SYNTHETIC TECHNICAL TEXTILES	
Shriram Rayons (A Unit of DCM Shriram Industries Ltd.)	Gold Trophy
MICRO & SMALL SCALE SECTOR	

Reaghan Fashions Pvt. Ltd.	Gold Trophy
Samyak Synthetics Pvt. Ltd.	Silver Trophy
MERCHANT EXPORTER FABRICS	
Rughani Brothers	Gold Trophy
SSI/MERCHANT EXPORTER MADE-UPS	
Shreekrishna Dyeing & Printing Works	Gold Trophy
EXPORTS OF FIBRE/YARN TO "FOCUS LAC" COUNTRIES	
Reliance Industries Limited	Gold Trophy
EXPORTS OF FABRICS/MADE-UPS TO "FOCUS LAC" COUNTRIES	
BSL Ltd.	Gold Trophy
EXPORTS OF FIBRE/YARN TO "FOCUS AFRICA" COUNTRIES	
Reliance Industries Limited	Gold Trophy
EXPORTS OF FABRICS/MADE-UPS TO "FOCUS AFRICA" COUNTRIES	
Saam Textiles Pvt. Ltd.	Gold Trophy
EXPORTS OF FIBRE/YARN TO "FOCUS SAARC" COUNTRIES	
Grasim Industries Limited	Gold Trophy
EXPORTS OF FABRICS/MADE-UPS TO "FOCUS SAARC" COUNTRIES	
Saam Textiles Pvt. Ltd.	Gold Trophy
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT	
Nirav Silk Mills Pvt. Ltd.	Certificate



Shri Gaurav Agarwal, G. M. (Exports), Sutlej Textiles and Industries Ltd. receiving the Silver Trophy for Second Best Export Performance in the category of spun yarn for the year 2017-18 from the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani.



Shri Sharad Dalvi, G. M. (Weaving) and Shri Ashish Golyan, Dy. G.M. (Weaving), D'décor Exports Pvt. Ltd. receiving Gold Trophy for Best Export Performance in the category of synthetic & rayon filament fabrics for the year 2017-18 from the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani.



Shri Ganesh Kumar Gupta, President, FIEO receiving the Life Time Achievement Award from Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles.

He observed that today 73% of the world share in textile and clothing is of man-made fibre. He stated that man-made fibre textiles have a very important role to play in the global scenario as well as in India where fabric, yarn and other man-made fibre textiles exports make up almost one-third of the total textile exports (barring apparel & garment exports). Today India is largest producer of cotton and the MMF sector has to complement their efforts, however unlike in US and China, where there a number of non-apparel application of cotton which and which is gaining importance, India continues the trend of orthodox and traditional applications.

Another challenge the Indian MMF textile industry faces is various export subsidies given by China as a booster for their exports. Therefore, in India exporters also require. if not parallel incentives to increase exports, at least match to the extent possible.

He remarked that last year on this podium the Hon'ble Union Minister had announced a study to be conducted on the road map for MMF textiles and he said that he is happy to inform that the



Shri Anil Rajvanshi, Immediate past Chairman and Convenor, Export Award Committee, SRTEPC welcoming the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani with a bouquet of flowers.

progress on the same has been good and since has already been awarded to an agency, which will soon commence action on it..

He further stated that whenever the Hon'ble Textile Minister is on stage at the Export Award Function she has something in store for the MMF textile industry and hence the MMF industry is waiting in anticipation for what she has to offer to them today.

Welcome Speech

Shri Sri Narain Aggarwal, Chairman, SRTEPC in his welcome address mentioned that the demand for man-made fibre (MMF) textiles all over the world is increasing as main raw material amid changes in global fashion trends. He said that currently MMF dominates global textile fibre consumption with 70: 30 ratio i.e., MMF 70% and 30% is Natural fibre, whereas it is just opposite in India which is below 40%. This means that India has strong growth potential. The SRTEPC Chairman observed that India is one of the largest producers of man-made fibres (MMF) textiles in the world with present production of over 1441 million kg of man-made fibres and over 3000 million kg of man-made filaments. Over 23000 million sq. mtr. of fabrics were produced from Man-made fibres and their blends. Major varieties of fibres and filament yarns are polyester, viscose, nylon, acrylic and polypropylene. He further stated that India is also the 2nd largest producer of polyester and viscose.

Talking on MMF textile exports he said that the current financial year has been encouraging for us. Exports have been witnessing steady growth since 2016-17 and last year exports were to the tune of US\$ 6.03 billion witnessing a growth of around 3% over the previous year. As per provisional data, during April-November 2018-19, exports were US\$ 4.07 against US\$ 3.99 million during the same period of the previous year, showing a growth of nearly 2%. He remarked that the Ministry of Textiles has set an export target of US\$ 6.5 billion for MMF textiles for the current Financial Year. He expressed satisfaction that during April – November 2018, 63% of the export target had been achieved and was confident that with concentrated efforts of member-exporters the target would be achieved.

Shri Aggarwal informed that the vision of the government is to enhance the size of the Textile industry to USD 350 billion by 2024-25 from USD 110 billion at present. For which he said the present domestic fibre base has to be increased to minimum 20 bn. kgs. He further stated that natural fibres have inherent limitations and can be increased marginally and Manmade fibre & filaments such as Polyester, Viscose, Nylon, and Acrylic are the only available alternative to create another 7- 9 billion kgs of fibre and achieving this Vision by 2024-25. He added that this will also require an annual incremental investment @ US\$ 30 bn. for 7 years which converts to around Rs. 210,000 crores apart from the Rs. 50000 crores, required for sustenance of the existing capacity. An estimated employment of about 2.1 million persons p.a. at the rate of minimum 20 persons per crore rupees of investment will be generated in the MMF textile segment.

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Nirav Silk Mills Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai

Formerly known as “Vinod Textiles” started by Mr Vinod L Shah when he came from Jamnagar in the year 1969, the company was working like any other fabric manufacturer in Kalbadevi which was also known as the “kapda bazaar” during those times with orthodox working environments having a turnover of a meagre RS. 2 crore.

The company made its mark with the fabric brand “MOXSH” after Mr Nirav Shah elder son of Mr Vinod Shah entered the business in 2001. The brand became famous and successful in 2 & 3 tier cities in the RTF segment adding to its turnover phenomenally by 2010 and was touching the Rs. 30 crore mark by 2013.

With an ambition of taking the business to greater heights, Mr Vicky Shah younger son of Mr. Vinod Shah also ventured into the family business in 2004. The company commenced manufacture of wider width fabrics in 2012-2013 and started supplying to domestic brands. Although initially the company faced a lot of flak because of the quality standards maintained by manufacturers. The company soon learnt some hard and painful lessons and decided to concentrate on giving value to its product so that it stood out in comparison to others.

Post 2013 the company had installed automated checking machines at every level of manufacturing at its facility, to ensure that there is no place for any inferior product being supplied by us. This gave them the confidence to foray in the international markets since their fabric was checked and graded in such a way to pass the 4 point checking of international standards. It is quite easy to maintain quality in 100% cotton, but in blended fabrics which the company is mainly involved in it is very difficult to maintain the quality, since the yarns are blended and tend to show defects.

The company has since 2014 expanded its international export footprint from 1 to a dozen of ports and is today exporting to LATIN AMERICA, UAE, BANGLADESH, VIETNAM, SRI LANKA and HONG KONG to name few. The company has also evolved as one of the largest suppliers to domestic brands in our segment and is supplying to all major brands including Raymond, Future group, Arvind, ITC, Max lifestyle, Siyaram, Donear etc. reaching a turnover of 60 crore in 2016-17.

The company has an ambition of competing with China in the most healthy manner and believes that one day they will.



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Shri Rakesh Mehra and Shri Sanjeev Saran, Past Chairmen, SRTEPC and Shri Dhirubhai Shah, Regional Chairman, Surat seated at the Export Award Function.

Dwelling on the challenges before the Man-made fibre textile segment, he said that this segment has been used as a major source for revenue generation. He further stated that it has been kept under different tax slabs in the GST regime which has created Inverted Duty Structure due to which huge working capital has been blocked. He believed that this has deprived the MMF textile

segment from availing rebate on GST paid on input services and IGST paid on import of capital goods. Double Taxation on Ocean freight in GST regime is additional burden on the exporters.

He expressed concern over the increasing imports of MMF textiles such as fibres, yarns and fabrics into India from world during 2017-18 was over US\$ 2000 million of which from China alone was around US\$ 1000 million which is 50% of our total imports of MMF textiles. He informed that the Council has been briefing this concern to the Government at various forums.

He was grateful to the Ministry of Textiles for giving wholehearted support to the issues of MMF textiles and expressed his appreciation for all the support. He was confident that respected the Hon'ble Minister of Textiles would recommend and take up the above issues also with Ministry of Finance for according favourable orders. The Chairman highlighted that recently during a Meeting with the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles the topic on ROSL for fabrics and yarn had come up and a new trend has been set up. He informed that the Proposal for ROSL on yarn and fabrics has been sent to Ministry of Commerce for their approval and in the near future fabric as well as yarn will be included under ROSL which has been the long pending demand of the MMF textile industry.

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He opined that while the industry needs to do its best to fight competition, it needed Government support to supplement its efforts. He further stated that China provides substantial government support and this needs to be matched in India also for development of the Indian MMF textile industry.

He said that the present scenario is of both opportunities and challenges. He expressed concern that the MMF textile exports are not growing as desired while there are ample opportunities to increase our exports globally and capture a higher share in world textile trade. He said that most of our exports are of value added items like fabrics and made ups which accounts for nearly 60 % in our export basket. We need to increase export of this segment to earn more foreign exchange and generate more employment. He further mentioned that India is the leader in production polyester and viscose which are the raw materials for these value added MMF products. This is the time to be united and work together in coordination.

The SRTEPC Chairman informed that the Council has lined up 11 Buyer Seller Meets and RBSMs for the current year. The SRTEPC Chairman was confident that the aggressive export promotion activities of the Council in new and emerging markets will give thrust to the exports and requested everybody to come forward and take responsibilities in this endeavour to take the country's exports to greater heights.

Keynote address by Chief Guest

The Chief Guest, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles said that she was present here today to celebrate excellence in the MMF textile industry. She observed that whenever she was at a platform provided by SRTEPC, it became increasingly apparent to her that it was less of an industry and more of a family. She confided that when she took over charge as the Textiles Minister, MMF textiles was a challenge and she expressed her gratitude to Shri Dhirubhai Shah (Regional Chairman of the Council) who has given his counsel and through every challenge has hand held many an issue for the Ministry and its officials.

She further stated that today the MMF textile industry was celebrating excellence and the previous day the entire nation was celebrating with a sense of jubilation because possibly for the first time farmers, industry and the middle class in the country could enjoy the Budget which was responsible yet ensued that it will reach out to each and every citizen directly in the country so that everybody can enjoy the fruits of growth.

She said that today SRTEPC is celebrating the excellence of its member-companies but she had a two-fold request. She said that firstly the MMF textile industry should undertake many R&D projects as she believed that R&D is one of the foundations of the industry, ansuch excellence in R&D projects should be celebrated at Award Function of the Council , which she said would give a huge -fillip to research in the industry.

She also requested the industry leaders and SRTEPC to recognize the excellence of organizations/individuals who contribute to sustainable methods of manufacturing. These she said need to be highlighted from across the industry, especially ones that impact the MMF textile sector on this stage, so that their success can be celebrated as well. She said that she has received the approval of the SRTEPC Chairman for these two initiatives and the next Chairman, Shri Rughani would be the torch bearer of it under the aegis of the Council.

The Hon'ble Textile Ministry indicated that the matter mentioned by the SRTEPC Chairman regarding ROSL for fabric and yarn has been taken up by the Textile Ministry and recommended the same to the Commerce Ministry. She said that this is just an initiation from the Textile Ministry and cognizant of the fact that the Norms Committee under Commerce Ministry will be doing the data crunching, since after all any kind of subsidy which comes out of the Indian Treasury is done keeping in mind hard work of honest tax payer and surety has to be in place to ensure that there is absolutely no leakage or miscalculation. The Norms Committee under the Commerce Ministry will consider the proposal of the Ministry of Textiles and as seen in Administration, will turn to the Revenue Department to check whatever is offered to the industry is substantially supported by relevant norms.. She pointed out that this was for the first time in the history of the textile industry that the Textile Ministry has stepped up and taken this one big step towards ensuring that neither the yarn nor the fabric industry exports any taxes and thereby present them an opportunity for further growth for a better future..

Smt Smriti Zubin Irani was happy to be present at the Function and give away awards to some of the leading exporters in the business of MMF textiles thereby felicitating the award winners. She also expressed her gratitude to the companies of not only MMF textiles but all who contribute towards the Indian economy.

Life Time Achievement Award

In recognition to his remarkable contribution to the field of MMF textiles, SRTEPC presented the Life Time Achievement Award to Shri Ganesh Kumar Gupta, President, FIEO and former Chairman of SRTEPC

Shri Gupta thanked the Council, current Chairman and past Chairmen for their encouragement and assistance during his tenure as the Chairman as SRTEPC for two terms. He admitted that this award would not have been possible without their support. In his address he thanked the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani for her efforts in providing the Merchant Exporter sector a 3% interest equalization scheme which was pending for many years. He said it was possible because both the Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles



took this up at the Cabinet Meeting and got it approved by the Cabinet. He also expressed his gratitude to the Hon'ble Ministers for the 5% GST on MEIS. Recollecting the Meeting organized by the FIEO on 6th October 2017 where the Hon'ble Union Ministers Commerce & Industry and Textiles were present besides the Minister of State for Commerce & Industry and Secretaries and all the Export Promotion Council, he said that it was on account of the combined efforts of the Commerce and the Textile Ministry that this 5% exemption was brought, which provided a big relief to our textile sector.

Shri Gupta said that the MAI support allocated to the Councils for promotional programmes abroad is the same since 1999-2000 although exports have gone up considerably. He requested the Hon'ble Minister to allocate some percentage of export earnings as MAI support for Export Promotion Councils to enable them to promote exports to newer markets.

He further stated that a study needs to be conducted to find out the incentives/benefits being offered by India's competing countries like Cambodia, Vietnam, etc. He cited the example of China which is offering 4% refund on VAT for its exporters. He also urged the Ministry to support the industry on banking issues and said that small exporters should also be getting banking support liberally. Replying to the queries put up by Shri Gupta, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani assured that for the first time SRTEPC has been given financial support to study the economies of scale in our competing countries, monies that are needed to new emerging markets and facets of taxation and impact so that whatever new policy the country makes is WTO compliant. She added that one

of the biggest things that has happened is the Prime Minister's focused intervention in 100 districts for the benefit of MSMEs which include banking support. Of these 100 districts, 39 are only textile districts and banks will be specifically helping them and also giving them a blue print of how to go overseas, so that those small size firms can become mid size firms with the help of Ministry and actually export to countries where they have solid opportunities to fructify their efforts.

Vote of thanks

Shri Ronak Rughani, Vice Chairman, SRTEPC proposed vote of thanks to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles for taking precious time off her busy schedule to be present with the Council's members, sharing her views and presenting the awards.

The Vice Chairman thanked Shri Sri Narain Aggarwal, Chairman for his guidance and encouragement and for giving free hand to the entire team in organizing the event. He also thanked the former Chairmen of the Council for their continued guidance, members of the Committee of Administration for their whole-hearted co-operation and participation in various activities of the Council. He also thanked the media for their presence and the entire SRTEPC team for putting all out efforts to make the Awards Function a success.

The Award Function was followed by an evening of performance by a young and famous band and live RJ music that had the participants on their feet for much of the evening.

Attention : Members

INDIAN TRADE CLASSIFICATION (HS) CODES FOR MAN-MADE FIBRE TEXTILES

A detailed ITC HS Code Book for Indian Man-made Fibre textiles is available with the Council. The Book contains Chapter-wise (54 to 63) HS Codes for the following Products.

- Fabrics
- Yarns
- Made-ups
- Fibre

The Book is available for Rs. 118 (including GST), which can be obtained from the Head Office or Regional Offices of the Council at Delhi and Surat on payment by cash or on the receipt of Demand Draft (in favour of "The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council, Mumbai) for the requisite amount. Please add Rs.50/- for mailing charges, if you require the Book through courier.



BOARD OF TRADE MEETING



The Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Shri Suresh Prabhu, chaired a meeting of the Board of Trade (BOT) on 15th February, 2019.

The meeting was attended by the Commerce Secretary, Secretary DPIIT, DGFT, Secretaries and Senior officials of the other ministries including Finance, all major trade and industry bodies, Export Promotion Councils and stake holders.

On this occasion, the Commerce & Industry Minister launched a new online “Anytime-Anywhere” export awareness course to train, mentor and hand-hold potential exporters so as to help them to tap international trade opportunities. This Online Course is funded under the “Niryat Bandhu” scheme of DGFT in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi. On successful completion, a Certificate in Export Import Management under Niryat Bandhu Scheme will be awarded to participants.

In another e-initiative, Commerce Minister also launched a Mobile App of DGFT. Exporters can now log their grievances, apply for various licenses, view their status using this app, besides accessing information about latest trade notices, circulars, Foreign Trade Policy and trade fairs.

In his address, Commerce Secretary, Dr. Anup Wadhawan welcomed the delegates to the Board of Trade and briefed the participants of India's exports that have faced a very challenging period in recent years, on account of the developments arising from the global financial crisis of 2008-09, which accentuated after 2013-14, when the world economy, including China's major trade slowdown. Thus, after achieving a turnaround from the initial shock and reaching a peak export figure of US\$ 314.4 billion in 2013-14, India's exports came under immense pressure again in the post 2013-14 period due to accentuation of the global economic / financial crisis in the second phase when countries like China also got adversely affected. However, since then concerted efforts through improved logistics, trade facilitation, increased digitization to reduce human interface and increase transparency, implementation of GST, capacity building through skilling etc., the government has been able to arrest the downturn affecting India. As a result, barring a few stray months, our merchandise exports have been growing on a secular basis since 2016-17 for almost three years and are likely to reach a new peak in 2018-19.

He highlighted the detailed export promotion strategy, which has been prepared by Department of Commerce and is under implementation in consultation with and with the support of wide-ranging stakeholders, including Export Promotion Councils, exporters and financial institutions



Shri Alok Chaturvedi, Director General Foreign Trade (DGFT), made a detailed presentation explaining the present export scenario and various initiatives taken. Few notable measures taken since last BoT meetings which included the following:

- Interest Equalization rate increased from 3% to 5% w.e.f. 2nd November, 2018 for exports being made by MSME sector.
 - Inclusion of merchant exporters under the Interest Equalisation Scheme @ 3% subvention from 2nd January 2019.
 - In January, 2019, Pre-Import condition on advance authorization licenses to avail exemption of IGST was removed and exemption of Integrated Tax and Compensation Cess extended to deemed supplies
 - In the Mid-Term Review, MEIS rates increased by 2% for MSMEs / labour intensive industries involving an additional outlay of Rs.7310 crore per annum.
 - MEIS allocation enhanced from 21000 crore in 2014-15 to 39000 crore in 2018-19.
 - GST exemption was restored in October 2017 under the Advance Authorization Scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme and 100% Export Oriented Unit for sourcing inputs from abroad without payment of IGST.
 - GST refunds were speedily disbursed through several rounds of Refund Fortnight.
 - The validity period of the Duty Credit Scrips was increased from 18 months to 24 months to enhance their utility in the GST framework.
- ❖ The upper limit of FOB value of goods for exports through courier or foreign post office for obtaining benefits enhanced from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 5,00,000 in July 2018
 - ❖ Additional Towns of Export Excellence: Bhadohi (UP) and Panipat (Haryana) announced for carpets and related products.

He emphasised that Government is committed to end to end IT enablement and make all processes completely paperless. In this regard, Department of Commerce has approved a project for the revamp of entire IT system of DGFT. He stated that however, in the meanwhile, DGFT has taken many measures to bring ease of doing business with DGFT like:

- ❖ Same day issue of IEC (Importer Exporter Code) online.
- ❖ Auto approval of MEIS scrips within 24 hours.
- ❖ Contact@DGFT grievance redressal service for Exporters/Importers
- ❖ Redemption of Export Obligation of Exporters expedited through a drive. Consequently, over 13000 Advance Authorisation and 9500 EPCG cases have been redeemed.
- ❖ Revamp of DGFT's IT System initiated to make all DGFT processes paperless and provide end-to-end IT enablement for all services

DGFT highlighted that due to sustained efforts by the Government and Industry, India has jumped to 80th place in 2018 from 146th place in "Trading Across Borders Ranking" as released by the World Bank.

The representatives of industry, while welcoming steps taken by the Government, expressed concerns about the following issues –

- (a) decreasing flow of credit to export sector,
- (b) retrospective effect of pre import conditions,
- (c) delays in refund of Input Tax Credit,
- (d) withdrawal of GSP benefits by US,
- (e) exports to Iran and OFAC countries,
- (f) availability of incentives for exports to neighbouring countries, etc.

The issues raised by the trade were addressed by the Senior Officials and would be taken up in the forthcoming meeting of Committee of Exports and GST council.

Shri Anil Rajvanshi, immediate past Chairman represented SRTEPC at the Board of Trade Meeting and put forth the issues and problems being faced by the Indian MMF textile industry.

Source : Press Release issued by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry dated 15th February, 2019

Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

(April-December 2018-19)

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in the month of December 2018 was higher by 2.4% over the index of December 2017.
- The cumulative overall growth of IIP during April-December 2018-19 registered a growth of 4.6% as compared to the same period of the previous year.
- The Index of Industrial Production for the month of December 2018 for Textiles Sector witnessed a decline of 2.9% as compared to December 2017. However, there has been a cumulative growth of 1.8% in Textiles Sector during April-December 2018-19 over the corresponding period of 2017-18.
- The Index of Industrial Production for wearing apparel for December 2018 increased 16.5% and was up 9.4% during the period April-December 2018-19 over the corresponding period of the previous year.
- The Index of overall Industrial Production for the manufacturing sector increased by 2.7% during the month of December 2018 while there was a cumulative growth of 4.7% during the period of April-December 2018-19 over the corresponding period of the previous year.

The Statement below gives the Quick Estimates of growth rate of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) at 2 digit level of the National Industrial Classification (NIC-2008) for the period of April-December 2018-19, along with the cumulative growth rates over corresponding period of the previous year :

Industry Code	Description	Index		Cumulative Index Apr-Dec		% Growth	
		Dec. 2017	Dec. 2018	2017-18	2018-19	December 2018	Apr-December 2018-19
13	Textiles	122.4	118.8	116.7	118.8	-2.9	1.8
14	Wearing apparel	140.9	164.1	133.0	145.5	16.5	9.4
10-32	Manufacturing	132.0	135.5	124.0	129.8	2.7	4.7
	General	130.6	133.7	122.6	128.3	2.4	4.6

Source : Ministry of Statistics & Programme (MOSPI) www.mospi.nic.in

Participate in “India Trend Fair”, Tokyo 23rd-25th July 2019

Japan India Industry Promotion Association (JIIPA) is organizing 5th Edition of its “India Trend Fair” in Tokyo, Japan from 23rd – 25th July 2019. A discounted amount of JPY 5,85,000/- (inclusive of taxes) will be charged for a 9 sq. mtr. furnished booth. This Fair is being organized by JIIPA with support from AEPC, HEPC and EPCH. Different products including garments, home furnishings, fashion accessories and handicrafts will be exhibited during the Fair. All those interested in the event may directly contact Mr. Prashant Godghate, Secretary General, JIIPA, Tokyo (Tel : +81-3-5733-5068 E-mail : prashant@npo-jiipa.org) under intimation to the Council for follow-ups, if necessary.

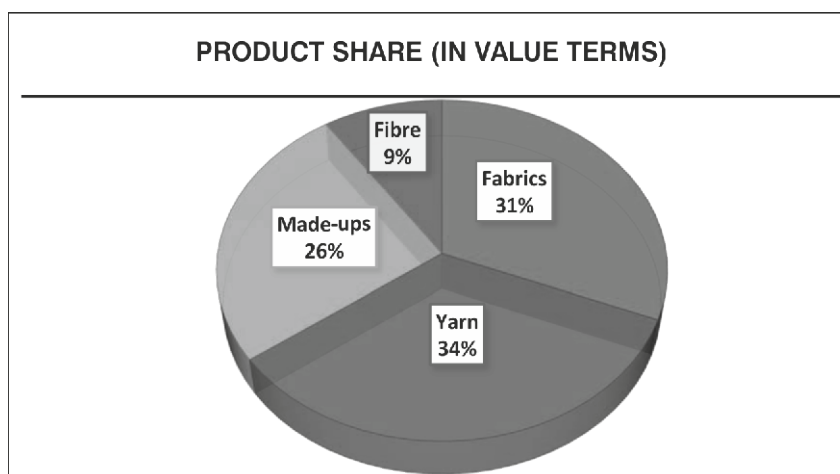
REVIEW OF INDIA'S MAN-MADE FIBRE TEXTILES EXPORTS FROM APRIL – DECEMBER 2018-19

Exports of Indian MMF textiles during April-December 2018-19 were US\$ 4563.57million against US\$ 4494.08 million during the same period of the previous year showing a growth of nearly 1.55% (Source: MOC).

Product	Unit	in Quantity (Thousand)		% Change Apr -Dec 2018 -19	In Value USD Mn		% Change Apr -Dec 2018 -19
		Apr -Dec 2018 -19	Apr -Dec 2017 -18		Apr -Dec 2018 -19	Apr -Dec 2017 -18	
Fabrics	Kgs	65022.47	58483.61	11.18	1421.09	1516.30	-6.28
	Sqm	1281140.97	1209672.65	5.91			
	Kgs.	734479.75	738503.81	-0.54	1543.33	1415.41	9.04
Yarn	Kgs.	267246.94	225064.88	18.74	1167.54	1105.77	5.59
Made - ups	Nos.	70567.32	83001.52	-14.98			
	Sqm	168.07	137.58	22.16			
Fibre	Kgs.	275481.65	294480.32	-6.45	431.61	456.60	-5.47
Total					4563.57	4494.08	1.55

PRODUCT SHARE

During April-December 2018-19, dominated products in the Indian MMF textiles export basket was yarn accounting for a share of 34% followed by fabrics 31%, Made-ups 26% and Fibre 9%.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Overall exports in April-December 2018-19 in value terms were US\$ 4563.57 million against US\$ 4494.08 million, witnessing a growth around 1.55% as compared to the same period of the previous year.
- Exports of Indian MMF Fabrics and fibre witnessed a 6.28% and 5.47 decline respectively during April-December 2018 as compared to the same period of the previous year
- Exports of yarn dominated with 34% share followed by fabrics 31%, made-ups 26% and fibre 9% in the Indian MMF textile exports.
- Share of the value-added segments like fabrics and Made-ups have increased around 57% of total exports.
- Other segments witnessed positive growth in exports like yarn 9.04% and made-ups 5.59%.

- In the fabrics segment Synthetic Filament Fabrics (US\$ 472.14Mn) was the top exported product in India's MMF textile exports followed by Polyester Filament Fabrics (US\$ 283.64 Mn) during April-December 2018-19.
- Viscose Filament Fabrics exports have been excellent with 46.05% growth.
- In case of MMF yarn exports, Polyester Filament Yarn was the leading item with exports worth US\$ 912.84Mn followed by Polyester Cotton Yarn (US\$ 141.91 Mn), Polyester Spun Yarn (US\$ 121.02 Mn).
- In Made-ups, exports of Bulk Containers were the leading item with exports worth US\$ 553.79Mn followed by Shawls/Scarves US\$ 87.16 Mn, Motifs US\$ 53.93, Muffler and fishing net worth US\$ 45.79 Mn and US\$ 44.58 Mn respectively.
- Polyester Staple Fibre (US\$ 244.77 Mn) was the leading item in the MMF category followed by Viscose Staple Fibre (US\$ 128.03 Mn).
- USA was the leading market for Indian MMF textiles during April-December 2018-19 with 11% share in total exports followed by Turkey 8% and Bangladesh 6%.
- Leading markets with positive growth are UK(10.58%),Egypt (8.09%), Sri Lanka (6.51%),Germany (3.87%), Brazil (2.41%) USA (2.09%) and Italy (1.32%).
- Bangladesh, UAE, and USA were the leading markets for Indian MMF Fabrics but Bangladesh and UAE has witnessed a decline of 22.19% and 23.23% respective during April-December 2018-19 as compared to the same period of last year.
- USA was also leading market for Indian MMF Made-ups and fibre during the period.
- Major markets for Indian MMF yarn were Turkey and Brazil.
- Made-ups exports to Bangladesh showed an impressive growth rate (86.27%)

PRODUCT-WISE EXPORT PERFORMANCE APRIL-DECEMBER 2018-19

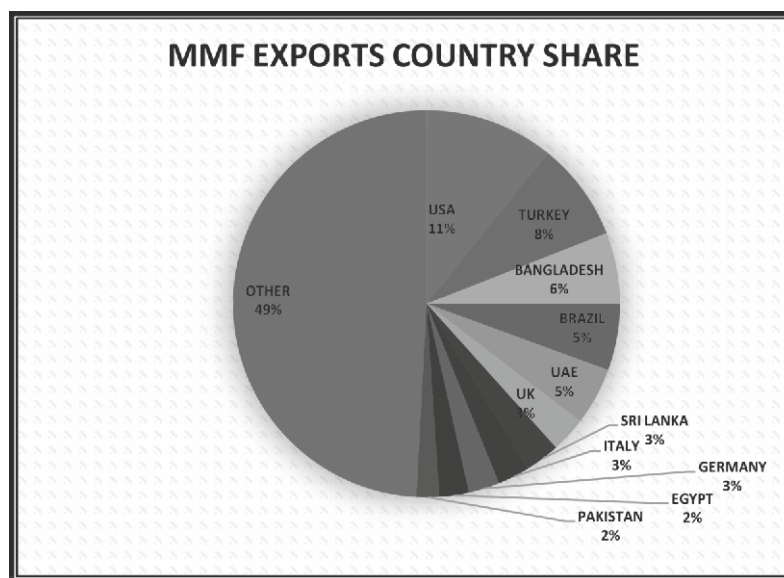
Product Description	Apr -Dec 2018 -19	Apr -Dec 2017 -18	% Grw/Decline
Fabrics (woven, knitted)			
Synthetic Filament	472.14	408.12	15.69
Polyester Filament	283.64	355.01	-20.10
Polyester Viscose	217.83	245.30	-11.20
Polyester Blended	65.36	103.61	-36.92
Synthetic Cotton	35.65	31.19	14.30
Polyester Cotton	31.47	29.79	5.64
Polyester Wool	29.47	32.10	-8.19
Viscose Spun	20.24	71.07	-71.52
Viscose Blended	19.34	34.11	-43.30
Viscose Filament	16.84	11.53	46.05
Other Fabrics	229.11	194.47	17.81
Total Fabrics	1421.09	1516.30	-6.28
YARN			
Polyester Filament	912.84	807.63	13.03
Polyester Cotton	141.91	126.33	12.33
Polyester Spun	121.02	118.20	2.39



Product Description	Apr -Dec 2018 -19	Apr -Dec 2017 -18	% Grw/Decline
Polyester Viscose	101.88	106.38	-4.23
Viscose Spun	49.89	59.72	-16.46
Viscose Filament	37.97	39.86	-4.74
Synthetic Spun	36.16	28.58	26.52
Nylon Filament	19.94	13.21	50.95
Acrylic Spun	19.16	21.04	-8.94
Polyester Wool	15.30	20.65	-25.91
Other Yarn	87.26	73.81	18.22
Total Yarn	1543.33	1415.41	9.04
MADE - UPS			
Bulk Containers	553.79	431.75	28.27
Shawls/Scarves	87.16	93.83	-7.11
Motifs	53.93	59.66	-9.60
Muffler	45.79	93.02	-50.77
Fishing Net	44.58	37.06	20.29
Bedsheet	28.35	13.82	105.14
Blanket	23.31	25.00	-6.76
Rope	20.52	18.26	12.38
Sacks and Bags	17.85	10.79	65.43
Furnishing Articles	11.98	10.71	11.86
Other Made - ups	280.28	311.87	-10.13
Total Made-ups	1167.54	1105.77	5.59
FIBRE			
Polyester Staple	244.77	184.99	32.32
Viscose Staple	128.03	225.07	-43.12
Acrylic Staple	35.65	28.51	25.04
Other Fibre	23.16	18.03	28.45
Total Fibre	431.61	456.60	-5.47

*Flexible Intermediate Bulk Container (HS Code 63053200)/big bag/bulk bag or Super Sack is a standardized container in large dimensions for storing and transporting dry, flow able products, for example sand, fertilizers , and granules of M, plastics, most often made of thick wovenpolyethylene or polypropylene, either coated or uncoated. **Other Made-ups include Tents, Sails, Rags, Embroidery (without visible ground) & Accessories.

Synthetic Filament: HS Codes 54077200, 54072090, 56031200, 54077400, 54079400, 54079200

LEADING MARKETS

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Value in US \$ Mn

Sr. No.	Markets	April - Dec 2018-19	April - Dec 2017-18	Net Change	% Change
1	USA	492.31	482.22	10.09	2.09
2	TURKEY	376.44	430.15	-53.71	-12.49
3	BANGLADESH	273.44	282.92	-9.48	-3.35
4	BRAZIL	253.12	247.16	5.96	2.41
5	UAE	220.23	302.36	-82.13	-27.16
6	UK	133.94	121.12	12.82	10.58
7	SRI LANKA	131.30	123.28	8.02	6.51
8	ITALY	122.22	120.63	1.59	1.32
9	GERMANY	118.26	113.85	4.41	3.87
10	EGYPT	111.78	103.41	8.37	8.09
11	PAKISTAN	87.39	107.18	-19.79	-18.46

MAJOR MARKETS FOR MMF FABRICS

Value in US \$ Mn

Markets	April - Dec 2018-19	April - Dec 2017-18	Net Change	% Change
BANGLADESH	132.06	169.72	-37.66	-22.19
UAE	127.84	166.53	-38.69	-23.23
USA	127.32	125.19	2.13	1.70
SRI LANKA	107.13	99.95	7.18	7.18
UK	52.78	45.93	6.85	14.91
PAKISTAN	38.94	56.50	-17.56	-31.08
SAUDI ARABIA	31.38	33.97	-2.59	-7.62
EGYPT	28.93	24.21	4.72	19.50
ITALY	20.38	19.02	1.36	7.15
BELGIUM	14.33	15.63	-1.30	-8.32
GERMANY	9.49	10.81	-1.32	-12.21

MAJOR MARKETS FOR MMF YARN

Value in US \$ Mn

Markets	April - Dec 2018-19	April - Dec 2017-18	Net Change	% Change
TURKEY	336.09	357.53	-21.44	-6.00
BRAZIL	231.37	229.89	1.48	0.64
BANGLADESH	132.06	169.72	-37.66	-22.19
EGYPT	70.75	65.95	4.80	7.28
USA	64.49	47.58	16.91	35.54
PAKISTAN	30.3	22.64	7.66	33.83
BELGIUM	29.15	31.67	-2.52	-7.96
ITALY	20.43	18.4	2.03	11.03
GERMANY	20.28	16.2	4.08	25.19
SRI LANKA	17.84	15.64	2.20	14.07
UK	9.95	10.2	-0.25	-2.45
UAE	9.87	12.7	-2.83	-22.28

MAJOR MARKETS FOR MMF MADE-UPS

Value in US \$ Mn

Markets	April - Dec 2018-19	April - Dec 2017-18	Net Change	% Change
USA	239.81	240.66	-0.85	-0.35
UAE	79.99	122.47	-42.48	-34.69
GERMANY	77.82	75.3	2.52	3.35
ITALY	71.04	68.54	2.50	3.65
UK	69.63	62.65	6.98	11.14
SAUDI ARABIA	26.77	21.7	5.07	23.36
BELGIUM	25.19	22.26	2.93	13.16
PAKISTAN	12.58	14.25	-1.67	-11.72
BANGLADESH	12.07	6.48	5.59	86.27
SRI LANKA	6.2	7.65	-1.45	-18.95
TURKEY	4.91	6.07	-1.16	-19.11

MAJOR MARKETS FOR MMF FIBRE

Value in US \$ Mn

Markets	April - Dec 2018-19	April - Dec 2017-18	Net Change	% Change
USA	60.69	68.79	-8.10	-11.77
BANGLADESH	36.03	36.78	-0.75	-2.04
TURKEY	26.33	56.25	-29.92	-53.19
BRAZIL	12.98	9.06	3.92	43.27
GERMANY	10.67	11.54	-0.87	-7.54
ITALY	10.37	14.67	-4.30	-29.31
EGYPT	8.49	9.66	-1.17	-12.11
BELGIUM	8.49	9.66	-1.17	-12.11
PAKISTAN	5.57	13.79	-8.22	-59.61
UAE	2.53	0.66	1.87	283.33
SAUDI ARABIA	1.68	0.36	1.32	366.67

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5. Provided data-base of textile buyers in Colombia well in advance to enable our exhibitors to fix up business meetings during the event.
6. Hired the services of interpreters / translators for our participants to interact with the visiting buyers during the Event.

Response to the Fair

Around 300 textile buyers visited the “India Pavilion”, and interacted with the senior Executives of the participating companies for exploring possibilities of sourcing their requirements from them.

Many buyers were seen discussing business with our member exporters on all days of the event. According to the feed-back received from the participating companies, a total amount of Rs.24.09 crores business was generated during the Exhibition of which spot orders were booked to the tune of around Rs.6.09 crores and business under negotiations amounted to Rs.18 crores. The participating companies had rated the arrangement and facilities provided for the Exhibitions in Colombia as very good and expressed their appreciation for the efforts made by the Council to facilitate business. Most of our member exhibitors have stated their willingness to participate in the next edition also.

Colombian Textile & Clothing Industry :

Colombia's Clothing & Textile Industry is one of the largest and most experienced in Latin America. The high fashion segments of the industry are well developed and globally known. Polyester fabrics, lining materials including polyester-cotton and other blended fabrics are in good demand. There is great interest for embroidered and high fashion fabrics and made-ups, suiting and shirting from India.. Colombia is a net exporter of apparels with 57% of Colombian-produced clothings is sold to the International market. Well-known international brands that are present in the market include Levis, Chevignon, Diesel, Fionucci, Girbaud and Esprit. Colombia's total import of textiles & clothing from the world was around USD 1887.09 Million in 2017. It's global import of MMF Textiles was about USD 945 Million during the year 2017. India's share in the Colombian market is, however, a meager 7.3% (or around USD 69 Million).

High-highlights of Market potential for Man-made Fibre Textiles :

Colombia is a potential market for Indian MMF textiles as per the statistics given below:

MMF Textiles Products	Import from World in 2017 (US\$ mn)	Import from India in 2017 (US\$ mn)	Share of India in 2017 (in %)
Fabrics	285.71	9.13	3.20
Made-ups	131.09	1.39	1.06
Yarn	443.19	55.1	12.43
Fibre	85.17	3.38	3.97
Total	945.16	69.00	7.30

- Total import of man-made fibre textiles by Colombia in 2017 was US\$ 945 Million, of which US\$ 443.19 Million was yarn, US\$ 286 Million was fabrics, US\$ 131 Million was made-ups and US\$ 85.17 Million was fibre.
- Colombia's import of MMF textiles from India during 2017 was US\$ 69 Million - accounting for 7.30% share in its total import of MMF textiles.
- Product share in the export basket of Indian MMF textiles to Colombia was yarn 80%, fabrics 13%, fibre 5% and made-ups 2%.
- Main countries Colombia imported MMF textiles from were Mexico, USA, China, Republic of Korea, Brazil, Japan, etc.

Market Observations

- Colombia, the fourth-largest country in South America, is rightly taking on the title of being the fashion center of Latin America. Medellin city in Colombia has now become the center of the country's integrated and widespread garment industry that exports textile and apparels.
- Colombia is a reference point for Mexico and other countries in Latin America regarding the design and development of textile –apparel products, which translates into products with a high aggregate value.
- Colombia enjoys many free trade agreements with major global fashion sourcing countries like US and Europe
- The Colombian's textile and apparel industry is alone accountable for the nation's 7.5% manufacturing GDP, 0.8% of total GDP, 17% manufacturing sector employment and 2.4% of the total exports. The United States are the main commercial partner, with a 33 % participation in the Colombian textile & apparel exports, followed by Venezuela (19%), México (11%) and Ecuador (7%).
- Colombian domestic production continues to be labor-intensive and takes the largest portion of skilled labor among the manufacturing sectors. Medellin has traditionally dominated the textile market with the largest textile mills and garment manufacturers for distribution throughout Colombia, and sizeable export quantities to Venezuela, Ecuador, Central America, the Caribbean, Western Europe, and the U.S.
- The country offers investment opportunities to foreign players to set up their textile and apparel production units to replace textile imports within the country.

Conclusion

Colombia's competitive advantages of tradition (more than 100 years of experience), flexible production, design integration with the manufacturing and distribution processes, innovation push, multiple FTAs, qualified and skilled labor market, environmentally responsible industry make it a lucrative investment location for apparel and textile industry globally.



The participation of Indian companies in Colombiatex have renewed the existing contacts between the traders of the two countries; and expanded the current scope for enhancing our trade with Colombia. The Exhibition has also created conducive atmosphere for a new era of further co-operation between the traders and the industries of textiles in India and Colombia. It also

provided a platform to renew the contacts built during Source India 2018, the flagship global Reverse Buyer Seller Meet organized by SRTEPC in September 2018 in Surat, where nearly 25 buyers from Latin and South America were present as our invited buyers.

VIEW OF THE STALLS





SRTEPC PAYS SHRADHANJALI TO SHRI R. L. TOSHNIWAL



Shri R. L. Toshniwal, former Chairman of The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council passed away on 21st February 2019. Shri R. L. Toshniwal headed the Council as the Chairman for two terms and was associated with the Council for almost 3 decades as a member of the Committee of Administration and special invitee.

Shri Toshniwal had been conferred the Life Time Achievement Award by SRTEPC in March 2012 for his outstanding contribution to the man-made textile industry and export trade. He was also conferred with "Life Time Achievement Award" by the Federation of Indian Export Organisation (FIEO) for his services to the exporting community in India and the award was presented by the then Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Kamal Nath at New Delhi in December 2006.

He was the Chairman of M/s. Banswara Syntex Ltd. having established jointly with the Government of Rajasthan in the year 1978 with 12,500 spindles to spin blended yarn.

Shri R. L. Toshniwal has been a constant guiding and motivating force to the entire MMF textile industry. During his long association with the Council he was instrumental in organizing various Buyer Seller Meets and International Exhibitions/Fairs and leading Delegations to many countries. His astute knowledge about the policies and Foreign Trade and being vociferous about the problems faced by the MMF textile exporters helped in representing the industry problems at all the Industry Meets and Government Forums. His untiring and path breaking efforts helped MMF textiles exports to grow exponentially over the years.

Besides his professional skills his personal commitment to social causes was evident in the various trusts and charitable institutions which he was a part of. As regards to any national calamity, Shri Toshniwal was among the first to rush aid to the affected areas.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Committee Members of the Administration, members and staff of the Council are deeply saddened at the passing away of Shri Toshniwal and offer condolences to his near and dear ones.

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- Organising Reverse Buyer Seller Meets every year by which the overseas buyers are brought to India to discuss business with members
- Provides Grant for Market Access Initiative subsidy towards airfare for participation in promotional programmes like Exhibition/Fairs abroad (Member of the Council for the last year one year is a must)
- Conducts Workshops, Seminars to keep exporters abreast of latest development in policy/procedural matters, international trends, marketing strategies, government schemes, etc.
- Assist the exporters on Import-Export Policy and Procedures
- Resolve their problems about shipping and transport
- Maintain liaison with the Government authorities to convey the requirements of the industry and trade and help to bring about appropriate policy changes.
- Facilitates free display of samples at Council's Trade Centre in Mumbai and Surat frequented by overseas buyers and Trade Delegations
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- Provides information on the trends for product development and adaptation to suit the overseas market requirements
- Issues export turnover certificates and certificate of origin.
- Visa facilitation to visit specified markets to discuss business with their target customers.
- Publication of Newsletter and regular circulars/letters to keep them aware of the activities of the Council and trade information.
- Collection and dissemination of Industry / Trade statistics to help members make their export strategy for export.
- Dissemination of information on foreign markets/emerging trends and trade enquiries
- Make them aware about different Anti Dumping duties as applicable in respective markets. From time to time also inform them about Sunset Reviews and give them timely information on questionnaire to be filled in, etc.
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