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Shri Bhadresh Dodhia, Takes Charge as the New Chairman of SRTEPC



Shri Bhadresh Dodhia, Chairman, SRTEPC



Textiles Commissioner, Smt. Roop Rashi and Past Chairmen SRTEPC Congratulating the New Chairman, SRTEPC

At the 535th Meeting of the Committee of Administration of SRTEPC held in Lonavala on March 29, 2023 Shri Bhadresh Dodhia, Director, International Trade & Finance of Dodhia Group has taken charge as the Chairman of the Synthetic and Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council (SRTEPC). Shri Bhadresh Dodhia took over charge as Chairman in place of Shri Dhiraj Raichand Shah on completion of his 2-year Chairmanship tenure.

Smt. Roop Rashi, Textile Commissioner was also present during the meeting. Shri Bhadresh Dodhia has a dynamic personality and carries with him more than 17 years of experience in the textile field. He completed his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Schiller International University, London, and has been looking after the International business and financial aspect of the Dodhia Group of Companies that has both textile & chemical segments.

His company M/s. Dodhia Group, having a turnover of ~Rs. 1,500 crore, has been a member of SRTEPC since 2008. Shri Bhadresh Dodhia has been serving as a Board Member of the Council since 2017. He was the Vice-Chairman of the Council for the past two years since May 2021, actively involved in various activities of the Council including export promotional programmes. During his Vice-Chairmanship Shri Bhadresh Dodhia substantially contributed to the entire MMF Textiles and Technical Textiles industry and raised the visibility of SRTEPC to a new level.

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MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN



Dear Friends,

It is indeed a privilege for me to take over as the Chairman of the Council. I thank each Member of the Committee of Administration of the Council individually for reposing their trust toward to me. I assure the Members of the Committee of Administration and also all the Members of the Council of my best and dedicated efforts to increase exports of MMF Textiles and Technical Textiles.

Exports Performance 2022-23

The exports of MMF Textiles and Technical Textiles have seen a declining trend owing to the global economic slowdown during the year 2022-23. However, the exports shall gain its momentum and will continue to increase in the coming Financial Year 2023-24 with the collective efforts of the Council and its Members.

Foreign Trade Policy 2023

The Government has announced the much awaited new Foreign Trade Policy 2023 on 31.03.2023. The new Foreign Trade Policy is Pragmatic and Progressive which will certainly lead an increase in our overall exports.

The automatic and online approval system for various permissions, one time Amnesty scheme, explicit provision for merchanting trade and the focus on E-commerce are all steps in right direction which will lead to export growth.

The most significant aspect of the new Foreign Trade Policy is that there is no expiry date for Foreign Trade Policy which will make it dynamic and responsive to the fast changes that are taking place in the global economy system and export market.

Revision of All Industry Rates of Duty Drawback

As you are aware the Government is in the process of reviewing all Industrial rates of Duty Drawback as part of its annual exercise. The council had a meeting with the Drawback Committee and senior official in the Drawback Department to discuss the proposal. The council has issued circular inviting data from its member in laying with request of Department. However, the data is still awaited from member for all categories of Man-made products like Fiber, Yarn, Fabrics and Made ups.

I would urge the members to send the required data to the Council at the earliest so that proposal with adequate justification for an increase in Drawback rate can be submitted to the Government and we solicit your support and corporation in the matter.

Appeal to Extend implementation of QCO for Viscose Staple Fibres and for Polyester Staple Fibres/yarn

With regards to QCO for Viscose Staple Fibre, The Council has appealed to the Government for an extension in its implementation data by another six months.

We would urge Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) to speed up the processing of applications for BIS certification so that adequate number of certifications are granted before the implementation of the QCOs.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind the members who have yet to renew their membership for the year 2023-24 to do so immediately to enable us to continue our service to them. I count on your continued support for strengthening Council's membership by encouraging new members to join the Council to avail our facilities

Yours sincerely

Bhadresh M Dodhia
Chairman - SRTEPC



MESSAGE FROM OUTGOING CHAIRMAN



Dear Friends,

My tenure as the Chairman of SRTEPC has completed and I am deeply thankful to each one of you for your valuable co-operation and support during the past two years and especially during the pandemic times which was really a testing period for all of us.

Export Performance 2021-22

I would like to inform that during last Financial Year 2021-22 exports of Indian Manmade Fibre textiles reached to highest value at US\$ 6,774 million against US\$ 4645 million achieved during FY 2020-21, witnessing a whopping growth of 45.8%. Exports of Man-made fibres witnessed a growth of 82%. MMF Yarns and Fabrics exports shown a growth of 72.47% and 29.82%, respectively during the same period. Exports of MMF Yarns dominated with 34% share followed by MMF Fabrics (30%), Made-ups (26%) and Fibre 10%. Exports of MMF Fabrics also witnessed growth of 29.82% during 2021-22 as compared to the previous year. Synthetic Filament Fabrics (US\$ 591.94 Mn) was the top exported product in India's MMF textile exports followed by Polyester Filament Fabrics (US\$ 466.31 Mn) during April-March 2021-2022.

The major items of exports in this segment were Sarees, Shirts, Suitings, Narrow woven Fabrics, Tyre cord fabrics, Parachute Fabrics and Umbrella Cloth. It is heartening to note that exports of fabrics like Polyester spun Fabrics, Viscose Spun Fabrics and Polyester Filament Fabrics have registered significant growth of 130.14%, 82.16% and 73.86% respectively.

During this FY 2022-23, as per the latest provisional data released by the DGCI&S exports of Manmade Fibre Textiles have dipped by 12% as compared to FY 2021-22. I hope exports of MMF Textiles will improve in the FY 2023-24.

Export Promotion of Technical Textiles

It is my immense pleasure to inform you that the Government has assigned the role of export promotion of Technical Textiles to our Council. The Council has started taking several steps to boost the exports of Technical Textiles from India. I am confident, SRTEPC will be doing its best to promote the exports of Technical Textiles.

Proposals to Government

I am glad to inform that during the pandemic situations, the Ministries of Commerce & Industry and Textiles were actively involved in taking appropriate measures to resolve various issues for the Proposals put up to them by the Council such as The Scheme for "Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) rates were increased.

I would once again like to express my gratitude for all your wholehearted support and assure that I will be with SRTEPC for all its concerns.

Thanks and Welcome the New Chairman

Let me also take this opportunity to thank Shri Bhadrash Dodhia and other Members of the Committee of Administration for their constant cooperation and guidance, which helped me in discharging my duties in issues concerned with SRTEPC as the Chairman.

My hearty congratulations to Shri Bhadrash Dodhia on his taking over as the 19th Chairman of the Council and I sincerely wish him all success in his tenure ahead and assure my support at all the times in the future.

With warm regards.

Dhiraj Raichand Shah
Immediate Past-Chairman

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Besides establishing profound prominence among the major Trade bodies and organizations with his profound knowledge and empirical experiences, Shri Dodhia had been closely interacting with the Union Ministers of Textiles, Commerce and Industry for resolving the issues of the industry. In the export front also, Shri Dodhia has rich acumen in developing export market & finance, that held him make a mark in the industry. Shri Bhadresh Dodhia having vast experience in the field of MMF Textiles, has ably led his company, a leading exporters to technical fabric player to domestic and leading fashion brands across the world.



Immediate Past Chairman, Shri Dhiraj Shah Congratulating the New Chairman, Shri Bhadresh Dodhia, SRTEPC

Dodhia Group, a leading manufacturer and exporter of Man-Made Fibre Textiles and Recycled Polyester (Pet-o-Poly) entered the textile business since past four decades and over a period of time had organic growth through forward and vertical integration and today is having a complete manufacturing set-up from various value additions in yarns to manufacturing of fabric. The Group has been engaged in manufacturing of Dyed Polyester Filament Yarn, Fancy Yarn, Specialty Yarn, Airtex Yarn, Interlaced Yarn, Bi-shrinkage Yarn, Plied Yarn and Twisted Dyed Bundled Yarn at Bhiwandi for more than 4 decades. The group has its manufacturing locations at Bhiwandi, Maharashtra & Silvassa, Gujarat. The group has its marketing offices located with adequate infrastructure at Mumbai for overseeing its domestic and export operations. With strong business interests in the textile sector, the group follows a lean management structure with every company under the fold operating as a Strategic Business Unit (SBU) in that particular line of activity.



Chairman, Shri Bhadresh Dodhia addressing the COA members

A visionary Shri Bhadresh Dodhia is the youngest elected Member of SRTEPC, perhaps youngest and active Chairman among all the EPCs. Shri Dodhia is also holding prominent positions in the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), Confederation of Indian Textile Industries (CITI), FICCI, SIMA, etc. His Vision, Leadership and Guidance as the Chairman of SRTEPC will help in growth of Manmade Fibre Textiles and Technical Textiles sectors.



Inclusion of 18 HS Codes under RoDTEP Scheme

DGFT has notified the inclusion of 18 tariff lines falling under HS Code 5208 under the RoDTEP scheme vide Notification No. 63/2015-2020 dated 25/03/2023.

Extension of Date for Mandatory Electronic filing of Non- Preferential Certificate of Origin

DGFT has issued Trade Notice No. 27/2022-2023 dated 28.03.2023 to extend the last date for mandatory filing of applications for Non-Preferential Certificates of Origin (CoO) through the E-CoO platform till December 31, 2023.

Announcement of New FTP 2023

The Hon'ble Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, Textiles, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution, Shri Piyush Goyal, launched the New Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023.

Some of the salient features of the New FTP are as follows:

1. Automatic approval of various permissions under Foreign Trade Policy based on process simplification and technology implementation.
2. Application fee being reduced for Advance Authorization and EPCG Schemes.
3. All authorization redemption applications to be paperless.
4. Export performance threshold for Recognition of Exporters as Status Holders rationalized.
5. FTP benefits extended for rupee realizations through special Vostro accounts.
6. Districts as Export Hubs aims to boost India's foreign trade by decentralizing export promotion.
7. All FTP benefits to be extended to E-Commerce exports.
8. Special Advance Authorization Scheme extended to export of Apparel and Clothing sector on Self-declaration basis to facilitate prompt execution of export orders.
9. Amnesty scheme for one-time settlement of default in export obligation by Advance Authorization and EPCG authorization holders being introduced.

National Technical Textile Mission: Knowledge of technical textiles to skill students in diversified areas

The UGC has directed the institutions imparting textile education to develop a curriculum for technical textiles. This directive has been issued as part of the National Textiles Mission, an initiative by Ministry of Textiles which aims to promote the technical textiles sector. The Textile Ministry has also issued 'General guidelines for enabling of academic institutes in Technical Textiles'. The ministry will fund the HEIs to upgrade the labs and train the faculty to teach the subject. New courses on technical textiles will help students to boost their productivity in textiles industry, increase exports and sustainability. Increasing demand Technical textiles are engineered products with a definite functionality, which finds its use in industries such as automobiles, construction, healthcare, and geotextiles and more. In addition to this, there also exists a domain of smart textiles and such textile material can be used to make clothes that get adjusted as per the environmental and climatic conditions. Smart textiles can be used in designing the special clothing for the army personnel deployed in adverse climatic zones. The institutes will introduce short courses offering credit of 1-2, at the UG and PG level. Engineering, Design, and Fashion Technology students are eligible for the courses. The new courses in the textile sector will boost productivity and sustainability by skilling the students. Elangovan N, former director, NIFT Kannur (Kerala), says, "There is an urgent need to develop the curricula relating to technical textiles in the institutes that are located around the textile hubs of the country as students residing in these areas need to be skilled in this domain. It is also essential to upskill students in this emerging domain as the industry needs technically skilled manpower. The technical textiles should have been in focus much earlier. Students also need to be motivated to pursue courses related to technical textiles as it is an emerging field."

Source: Times of India

India's foreign trade set to cross US\$ 1.6 trillion mark this fiscal: Report

India's foreign trade is expected to cross the USD 1.6 trillion mark this fiscal despite global economic uncertainties, economic think tank GTRI said in a report. The Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said the USD 1.6 trillion would be about 48 per cent of India's nominal GDP of USD 3.4 trillion for the fiscal year ending March 2023. The higher trade-to-GDP ratio also speaks of high trade openness which the country practices, GTRI co-founder Ajay Srivastava said. According to their analysis of

the data by the think tank, the growth rate in the exports of services would be higher than that of goods. Higher growth rate in services exports compared to the outbound shipments of goods has improved overall performance of India's exports, he said. India's overall exports of goods and services during April-March 2023 are estimated to reach USD 755 billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 11.6 per cent over the same period last year (April-March 2022). The report said that India's merchandise exports during the fiscal are likely to increase by about 5 per cent to USD 442 billion. Similarly, services exports are estimated to grow by 22.6 per cent to USD 311.9 billion in 2022-23. "India's foreign trade (exports and imports of merchandise and services) is estimated to cross USD 1.6 trillion or 48 per cent of India's nominal GDP of USD 3.4 trillion for the fiscal year ending March 2023," it added. In 2021-22, India's foreign trade stood at USD 1.43 trillion. Despite sectoral weaknesses, high trade figures underline the emergence of trade as an important component of the Indian economy, it said. Key sectors which are expected to register healthy growth include basic and processed agriculture products; fish, meat, dairy; petroleum items, chemicals, diamonds, machinery and automobiles. The top export destinations include the US, UAE, the Netherlands, China, Bangladesh, Singapore, the UK and Germany. On the outlook for exports during the next fiscal, Srivastava said that 2023 will make most countries turn inward to stay safe from the global headwinds, not of their creation. "Indian exports will be moderately impacted by weak global demand and recession in large economies but will gain as the domestic economy looks resilient and exports from high growth sectors like electronics are picking up almost for the first time," he added. Further, the report said that the estimated value of exports of petroleum products and coal this fiscal year would be around USD 98.2 billion, an increase of over 41 per cent. Similarly, the country's outbound shipments of electronics, and electrical machinery are expected to grow by about 36 per cent to USD 27.4 billion. The commerce ministry is scheduled to release the trade data for 2022-23 on April 15.

Source: The Economic Times

PM Modi's leadership turns India into the world's 3rd largest startup ecosystem: Sh. Piyush Goyal

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal lauded the visionary and astute leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi over the last 9 years which has turned India into the 3rd largest StartUp ecosystem of the world. In his keynote address at the Valedictory Session of the Annual

E-Summit Consortium 2023 of Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT), Nagpur today through virtual mode, the Minister said that India is respected and valued across the world as a centre of technology. The Minister also appreciated VNIT for bringing together different stakeholders like investors, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, etc. on a common forum and encouraging startups and entrepreneurship in the region. The Minister said that Indian youth are demonstrating huge talents and capabilities across the world with Indians heading global companies. He said that the journey of Atmanirbhar Bharat is powered by technology and innovation which is helping the youth become job creators rather than job seekers. He stated that over 90,000 startups registered with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) have created a million jobs directly and many more indirectly. He appreciated the startups for providing solutions which are simple but highly effective for people & businesses; this improves Ease of Doing Business and ease of living. He also said that there is gender parity in startups as nearly half of the startups are having at least one Woman Director and women entrepreneurs are leading many successful startups. He said that digital connectivity & urbanisation in smaller towns & cities is being undertaken to enable youth to work in hybrid mode catering to the demand of Indian technical & managerial talent across the world. The Minister said that it is significant that India's overall exports in FY 2022-23 is expected to be around US\$ 765 Billion in the 75th year of independence, with growth in both goods & services, when the global situation is so challenging. He also mentioned that the landmark collection of Goods and Services Tax in February 2023 is the result of greater formalisation and significant growth momentum of the economy. He said that the recently released Foreign Trade Policy 2023 has several features reflecting Atmanirbhar Bharat as a powerful and strong nation ready to engage with the world as an equal.

Source: PIB

Goods exports touch \$447 billion in FY23, says Minister Piyush Goyal

Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday that India's merchandise exports touched \$447 billion in FY23, as compared to \$442 billion a year ago, though the final data is awaited. This would translate into a 6 per cent year-on-year jump in exports. The data is collated, finalised and released by the commerce department on the 15th of each month. Services exports are expected to surge much higher and are estimated to cross \$320 billion in FY23 from \$254 billion a year ago. "The final numbers (exports of goods and services will be closer to

\$765 billion... I wouldn't be surprised if we actually go up to \$772 billion which we figured while drawing the road map for \$2 trillion of exports by 2030," Goyal said, adding that if the data reaches \$772 billion, then the \$2 trillion target by 2030 will also be reset. The minister was speaking at the release of the report titled 'Express Delivery Services Supporting the Journey towards India@2047' by ICRIER that suggested that the government should fast-track trade facilitation-related reforms, to give express delivery a level-playing field with general cargo. The report said that the express delivery service (EDS) industry provides integrated door-to-door transport of documents and products and plays an important role in connecting enterprises, especially small and medium enterprises (SMEs), to the global value chains. While India's EDS sector is small, it is one of the fastest growing markets, with 15.8 per cent CAGR at \$5.5 billion in 2020. The key growth drivers include the growth of e-commerce, growing middle class, government support for digitalisation, GST rollout, the focus on logistics sector under the PM Gati Shakti, national logistics policy, and government support for onboarding MSMEs to digital platforms.

Source: Business-Standard

CENTRE TO GENERATE 20 LAKH JOBS VIA 7 MEGA TEXTILE PLANTS IN THESE STATES

As part of the Make in India initiative, the Central government has announced plans to set up seven mega textile parks in the country. Announced under the PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) scheme, the seven plants will be set up in Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. PM Mitra scheme was launched in October 2021 with a total outlay of INR 4,445 crore, and the initial allocation for the project in the 2023-24 budget is INR 200 crore. In a series of tweets on March 17, PM Modi had explained "The PM MITRA mega textile parks will provide state-of-the-art infrastructure for the textiles sector, attracts investment of crores and create lakhs of jobs. It will be a great example of 'Make in India' and 'Make For the World.'" Union Minister Piyush Goyal says the government envisages investing almost ₹70,000 crores in the parks with a goal of generating almost 20 lakh jobs. "The textile industry has been unorganised in the country. This increased wastage and logistical costs impacted the competitiveness of the country's textile sector. This cluster-based approach, a vision of the Prime Minister, will solve several problems of the sector" news agency ANI quoted the minister as saying. Talking about the eligibility for selecting the seven sites, Textiles Secretary Rachna Shah said that her ministry had selected the locations in a transparent manner after

considering 18 proposals from 13 states. The eligibility of the sites to be selected for the seven textile parks was determined through a transparent challenge. This challenge was based on objective criteria, which considered several factors, such as connectivity, the existing ecosystem, textiles, industry policy, infrastructure, utility services, and more. In addition, the PM Gati Shakti- National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity was also utilized to validate the eligibility of the selected locations. The PM MITRA Parks scheme is a unique model that involves collaboration between the Central and State Governments in a bid to enhance investment, promote innovation, generate employment, and ultimately transform India into a significant hub for textile production and exports.

Source: Live mint

CM launches e-directory of textile industries and allied industries

CM Attend 'Textile Leadership Conclave 2023': The Textile Leadership Conclave organised by the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce (GCCCI). On this occasion CM also launched an E-Directory providing details of textile industries and allied industries across the state on a single platform. Chief Minister expressed to keep the entire textile industry of Gujarat as a leader in contribution to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's determination to make India a global textile hub. In this regard, CM said that 30% of the total cotton production of the country

is produced in Gujarat. Not only this, Gujarat contributes more than 25% percent in technical textiles. He lauded this approach where the list and contacts of around eight thousand such industries are available on a single platform. During his address CM said, "Under the direction of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Gujarat has become the state of first choice of investment for investors from home and abroad with the success of Vibrant Summit along with its reputation as a Policy Driven State". He also added that as a result of such encouraging policies and business friendly environment, Gujarat contributes more than 8% to the country's GDP and more than 18% to the industrial output. The Chief Minister also said on this occasion that the state government will be with the textile industries for the favourable environment and advanced facilities of the PM Mitra Textile Park. Expressing his confidence that this Textile Leadership Conclave will be a catalyst for the immortality of the textile industry, the CM gave a motivational call to the business-industry-society-government to work together in building a Self-Reliant Gujarat for a Self-Reliant India. On this occasion Additional Chief Secretary of Industries Department Shri S.J. Haider, GCCCI Chairman Shri Pathik Patwari, Vice Chairman Shri Yogesh Parikh, Assocham, representatives of Textile Task Force, Chairman of Maskti Mahajan Market Shri Chintan Thacker and 78 representatives of 40 associations from states including Jammu and Kashmir and Tamil Nadu had joined.

Source: Information Department, Gujarat

Source: CMO Gujarat

Collective agreement in textile and apparel industry

The approximately 100,000 employees in the German textile and clothing industry get more money. Employers and IG Metall agreed on this in the night to Saturday, as the General Association of the German Textile and Fashion Industry announced after 16 hours of negotiations. The collective agreement provides for income increases totaling 8.1 percent, for lower wage groups there will be at least 230 euros more. In addition, there are to be additional tax-free inflation compensation payments of 1,500 euros as well as a continuation of partial retirement under improved conditions with a term of 24 months. IG Metall had demanded an 8.0 percent pay rise over a twelve-month period. "The collective bargaining result means a noticeable relief for employees' wallets in the face of inflation," the union's chief negotiator, Miriam Bürger, announced on Saturday. With the tariff result, the companies also secured their future. The union had called for several warning strikes in recent weeks. According to the employers, this year's round of collective bargaining was one of the most difficult in recent decades. Negotiations leader Markus Simon said: "Despite very widely differing ideas, we succeeded in reaching a compromise in the end after tough wrangling. Given the tense situation in the industry, with record energy costs and the highest inflation in decades, this was a particular challenge." The announced closure of Galeria Karstadt Kaufhof stores and the insolvency of Peek & Cloppenburg are currently putting additional pressure on apparel manufacturers.

Source: Market Screener

Cambodia & Morocco look to deepen ties; may boost apparel trade

Morocco and Cambodia have pledged to strengthen their trade ties. The two countries have agreed to organise a forum to explore business opportunities and urged their respective business communities to boost trade and investment. Cambodia exported apparel worth \$5.055 million to Morocco, accounting for only 0.99 per cent of Morocco's total apparel imports. Morocco's foreign minister Nasser Bourita and his Cambodian counterpart Prak Sokhonn have pledged to strengthen their countries' trade ties, although current textile trade between them is negligible. Morocco is a significant garment market, while Cambodia is a prominent garment exporter, indicating significant opportunities in the textile sector for both countries. As a result, Cambodia can explore potential opportunities in the Moroccan market by deepening trade ties. The foreign ministers recently had a discussion to improve bilateral relations. According to a joint statement issued after the meeting in Rabat, the two countries agreed to organise a forum in the near future in an effort to explore business opportunities and urged business communities from both sides to boost trade and investment. In 2022, Morocco imported apparel worth \$510.828 million, with only \$5.055 million, or 0.99 per cent, coming from Cambodia, according to Fibre2Fashion's market insight tool TexPro. Turkey, China, Portugal, Spain, and Bangladesh were Morocco's top five apparel suppliers, accounting for about 70 per cent of its imports last year. Morocco's apparel imports increased from \$4.348 million in 2021 to \$5.055 million in 2022. However, the country's apparel imports declined sharply in 2020 due to the

pandemic, dropping to \$4.878 million. It has yet to recover fully even after two years. The imports were \$8.634 million in 2019, \$5.332 million in 2018 and \$4.715 million in 2017 as per TexPro.

Source: khmertimeskh

China's textile equipment self-sufficiency tops 80 percent

China's textile equipment production self-sufficiency level is improving, with over 80 percent of equipment now produced within the country, the China National Textile and Apparel Council said on Friday. The localization rate of key components for high-end textile equipment has surpassed 50 percent, according to the council's president Sun Ruizhe. The council will continue to guide and support relevant companies in the industry to integrate upstream and downstream industrial chain resources, focus on addressing industry, Sun said. China's exports of textile and clothing products registered stable growth in 2022, with an export volume of 323.3 billion U.S. dollars, data from the council shows.

Source: The english.news.cn

Techtextil and Texprocess 2024 to focus on sustainability and future-oriented solutions for the textile industry

The planning for Techtextil and Texprocess from 23 to 26 April 2024 is off to a promising start. Exhibitors from over 40 countries have already registered to take part. This also includes exhibitors who have decided not to participate in 2022. The coming trade fair editions will revolve around the theme of sustainability and present future-oriented solutions for the textile industry. Companies from over 40 countries, including Italy, South Korea and the United States, have already registered to take part. As a new exhibitor country, compared to 2022, Brazil will be represented again. All product segments, from fibres and yarns to nonwovens and coated textiles, including textile manufacturing technology, will be presented at Techtextil. Machines, plants and processes, from cutting, sewing and embroidery technology to printing technologies and finishing, will be on show at Texprocess. Visitors can look forward to Carrington Textiles from Great Britain, Concordia Textiles from Belgium, Everest Textile from Taiwan, Kuraray from Japan, Kusumgar Corporates from India, Groz-Beckert, Outlast Technologies and Sandler from Germany as exhibitors at Techtextil and ASTAS from Turkey, FK GROUP SPA from Italy, Kai Corporation and Tajima Industries from Japan, Amann & Söhne, Assyst/Style3D, bullmer, Brother Internationale Industriemaschinen and Dürkopp Adler from Germany at Texprocess. In addition, numerous organisers of joint stands have declared their participation. From Germany, for example, the IVGT – Industrieverband Veredlung – Garne – Gewebe – Technische Textilien e.V. (Industrial Association for Finishing – Yarns – Fabrics – Technical Textiles), VDMA Services GmbH with the VDMA Textile Machinery, the Saxon joint stand organised by the Verband der Nord-Ostdeutschen Textil- und Bekleidungsindustrie (Association of the North-East German Textile and Clothing Industry) or Bayern Innovativ with a joint presentation. Internationally, country presentations from China, France, Italy, Japan, Spain, the Czech Republic, Turkey and Switzerland are already announced.

Source: Indian textile magazine

CEPA with India: Bangladesh forms two panels to start talks

Bangladesh has formed two separate committees — Advisory Committee by Senior Commerce Secretary Tapan Kanti Ghosh and the negotiation committee headed by Additional Secretary to the Commerce Ministry Noor Mahbubul Haque — to start negotiations with India over signing of a proposed Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement or CEPA with India, with a view to boost bilateral trade and investment in the postLDC period. The formal negotiation of the CEPA was supposed to be launched a few months ago but had to be put on hold for some time as the Indian side wanted to further examine a joint study, as per Tapan Kanti Ghosh, who claimed the negotiations will start soon even as the new date, to this end, will be finalised in consultation with both countries. As per the Senior Commerce Secretary, the signing of the CEPA with India is a part of Bangladesh's preparation to face the challenges of the LDC graduation in 2026 even if owing to the status graduation to a developing country, Bangladesh is set to lose its preferential trade benefits.

Source: Apparel resources

Textiles in tough times as EAC proposes top taxes

The Tiruppur Exporters' Association proposed changes to the Tamil Nadu Textile Policy 2019 that included the establishment of a knitwear research institute in Tiruppur and a cargo terminal with international connection at the Coimbatore airport. K.M. Subramanian, the association president, urged the state government to address issues like housing for labour, raising the overtime cap for the apparel sector, upskilling current employees, transportation subsidies to transport workers to factories, bank Basel norms, and NPA classification in a meeting with the state textiles commissioner. In addition to the State government capital subsidy, he encouraged the government to establish a licencing system for utilising the ATUF programme subsidy. In the Tiruppur Cluster, there are 1,213 exporting units owned by the TEA. Six lakh people are employed directly by the Tiruppur Knitwear Cluster, 60 per cent of whom are women, in addition to another two lakh people who are employed indirectly. The value of exports of knitwear and wovens from Tamil Nadu stood at Rs 38,000 crore in 2021–2022 and is expected to reach Rs 50,000 crore in the next two to three years. 21 per cent of the state's total exports of goods were ready-made clothing (knitwear and woven garments). According to the association, a knitwear research institute in Tiruppur will aid in the swift expansion of the sector and exports, much how the Central Leather Research Institute in Chennai helps to product development and innovation for the industry. "Considering the exports and movement of passengers from this region, we request the Tamil Nadu government to offer international carrier connections in Tiruppur," it said. Since the garment industry relies heavily on labour, a severe lack of skilled workers poses the single biggest challenge to its expansion, particularly in labor-intensive clusters like Tiruppur. One of the obstacles to labourers' permanent transfer

from their home villages to industrial clusters would be removed if housing and dormitories for workers were built in clusters like Tiruppur. The Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation has received a project proposal for an estimated Rs 20.57 crore that would upskill 50,000 current employees in a year.

Source: Apparel resources

Bangladesh textile mill owners seek interim suspension on cotton yarn import

The Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA), which is the body of the textile mill owners in the country, has sought an interim restriction on import of cotton yarns for the readymade garment (RMG) industry even as they cited stockpiles of the same in various mills of the country to press home their point. According to reports, in a letter written to the Governor of Bangladesh Bank (central bank) Abdur Rouf Talukder, BTMA President Mohammad Ali Khokon made this request while underlining such a move (temporary suspension on the import of cotton yarns) will help to retain the foreign currency even as the BTMA also demanded issuing an interim instruction to the export-oriented readymade garment factories to procure at least 70 per cent of their total cotton yarn requirement from the local spinning mills under back-to-back letters of credit. The mill owners' body further reportedly held if the central bank introduces such policy, it will help Bangladesh face the issue of dollar crisis and at the same time the local spinning mills would get rid of liquidity crisis caused by yarn stockpiles.

Source: Apparel resources

ITMA 2023 Exhibitor Preview: AB Card Clothing Pvt. Ltd.

AB Card Clothing Pvt. Ltd., member of Ashton group, an innovative manufacturer of precision components will show its products at ITMA, Milan, Stand No. E113, Hall No. H1 from June 8th to 14th, 2023. ABCC aims to reduce costs and improve productivity by quality & cost effective products. Felting Needles for non-woven needle punching machines. Metallic Card Clothing for non-woven, woollen, worsted, semi-worsted, waste opening, recycling, garneting, etc. Flexible Card Clothing for carding wools, synthetics, cotton and blends. Raising/Brushing Fillets for fabric finishing. Other products from group companies: Synthetic Condenser Rubbing Aprons for wool, recycled, synthetic cotton waste etc. Condenser Tapes – Web diving tapes having synthetic & natural leather for wool, synthetic, cotton & blends etc. Plain / Spiked Lattice Conveyors – Fibre, web & cross lapping conveyors in various Combination & Permutations in wood, plastic, aluminium, PVC & PU. Leather / Rubber Nylon Sandwich Belts & Spindle Tapes Wooden / Aluminium Lags With Pins for rag tearing & waste opening Doffer Comb Blades PU Round Belts Combing Aprons & Leather Aprons Contact persons will be available Ashwani Bindal & Rohan Bindal at the booth.

Source: Textile World

Join SRTEPC delegation to Explore Techtextil North America and Texprocess Americas to Spotlight Education, Training, and Innovation

As a leading business platform, Techtextil North America and Texprocess Americas will bring decision makers from all of the major industries that touch technical textiles, nonwovens, sewn products, equipment and technology together in one place to experience the latest innovations. The unified platform will host more than 350 companies from over 30 countries and take place in Atlanta, Georgia from May 10-12, 2023.

A key feature of these co-located shows is the breadth of knowledge and experience coalesced in this single location.

Some highlights include:

- Tech Talks will feature a line-up of complimentary presentations on sustainability, empowering and growing workforces with technology, the next generation of technical designers and more.
- The highly acclaimed Symposium gives visitors the opportunity to listen and learn from industry leaders and subject matter experts as they discuss some of the most pivotal advancements in research and technology.
- The new Career and Training Center is where representatives from the Textile Technology Center at Gaston College who will share valuable resources related to the industry's career landscape, networking tips, and more. Serving as a gathering spot, attendees can view job openings posted by exhibiting companies, meet prospective employers, and craft the perfect resume. They can also get their headshot taken by a professional photographer.
- Also in the Career and Training Center, SPESA will be launching a new training program – "Training Takes Time" – to boost manufacturing in the Americas. This program will be brought to life by Merrow Sewing Machine Company and the Industrial Sewing and Innovation Center (ISAIC), and will focus on training for mechanics, operators, and facility owners. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from Merrow's experienced team. In addition to hands-on demonstrations, the training will also utilize augmented reality tools from ISAIC to illustrate how these training methods can help scale the industry and support growth in the Americas.
- The Student Research Poster Program returns to feature the latest scientific developments in sewn product design and manufacturing, attracting students in both undergraduate and graduate-level research and textile innovation.
- New Innovation Awards aims to honor outstanding performance in the fields of research, new materials, products, and technologies.

Visitors at both Techtextil North America & Texprocess Americas can explore the show floor to see these innovations on display and learn how these exhibitors are driving thought- leadership and positively influencing the industry.

SRTEPC is mobilising participation of its members to participate in Techtextil North America with subsidised participation fees and participation will be supported under MAI assistance. Therefore, the members of the Council specially the Technical Textiles manufacturers and exporters should come forward to grab this opportunity. For more information for participation in this event members may contact the Council at ramita@srtepc.in

MMF Textiles Industry – Growth Prospects and Challenges

Introduction

MMF share in world fibre consumption has grown up by 7% to 71% in the year 2019 from 64% in the year 2011, which was taken up from natural fibres. The consumption of MMF is expected to grow further by 5% and occupy a share of 76% in 2030. MMF represents 70% of the world's total fibre production. However, in India, MMF occupies only 42% of the production share. This article speaks about the MMF Textiles industry in India and the world and its growth prospects and challenges.

Global MMF Textiles Industry

The global demand of man-made fibers increased by 5.2% est. to 82 Mn tons in 2021 owing to the increase in population and per capita consumption due to higher disposable income and access to fast changing fashion trends.

Globally, the demand man-made fiber has taken natural fiber's share up from 32% in 1970 to 72% in 2021 (est.) and expected to touch 80% by 2025 by growing at CAGR of approx. 2%. The innovations and development in the MMF segment have really taken up the charge replacing cotton and other natural fibres. This is mainly led by Polyester which occupies almost 75% share in the MMF segment and with continuous improvement in technology, fibre quality, increasing capacity with upstream integration to its raw material manufacturing stage. Other prominent fibres like Viscose and Acrylic have also been successful in replacing other natural fibres.

The fact that gives an edge to the manmade fibres over the natural one is that the brands, retailers, and consumers are demanding MMF based products owing to its versatility and development scopes. The demand is particularly growing for the millennial generation who needs lighter weight fabrics, performance features and sustainability in multiple product categories which is gaining the importance of MMF in the market.

China is the largest producer of Man-Made fibers in the world with a massive share of 70%. Whereas India being the second largest producer of MMF industry representing 8% of global MMF production share, has been growing at a CAGR of 7% since 2000 reaching production of ~6.5 Mn tons in 2021.

India's Scenario of MMF Textiles Industry

The textile industry plays a crucial role in Indian economy. It contributes to 7% of industrial output in terms of value, 2% of the GDP and 12% of country's export earnings. Next to agriculture, it is the second largest employment generating industry in India, employing approx. 45 million people directly. Majority of the production of MMF Textiles industry in India happens in decentralized sector in various clusters across India some of which are vertically integrated.

Today, India produces almost all the types of synthetic fibers, be it polyester, viscose, nylon or acrylic and hence, is at an advantage compared to many other nations across the world. India is also self-sufficient in production of all types of raw materials required for the MMF industry and is currently exporting these items to more than 150 countries.

Indian MMF textiles is growing at a rapid pace and the time has come to project it as a reliable source of quality MMF textile products. India produces over 2.2 Mn tons of man-made fibers and over 4 Mn tons of man-made filaments. Over 22,500 Mn. Sq. Mtrs. of fabrics are produced from man-made fibers and their blends in India every year. India is the second leading producer of polyester and viscose fibre in the global MMF sector.

MMF textile industry in India is substantially self-reliant across the value chain right from raw materials to garmenting. Some of our fabrics, produced by the organized sector, are of international standard and known for their excellent workmanship, colors, comfort, durability, and other technical properties

India's Exports Scenario of MMF Textiles

The exports of Indian MMF textiles grew by about 46% during the year 2020-21 to 2021-22. The exports reached US\$ 6.7 billion in the year 2021-22 from US\$ 4.6 billion in the year 2020-21.

The exports of MMF have shown a growth of 82.07% in 2021-22 as compared to the previous year. Polyester Staple Fibre (US\$

442.05 Mn) was the largest exported MMF category followed by Viscose Staple Fibre (US\$ 205.33 Mn). Exports of MMF yarns have witnessed a growth of 72.47% in 2021-22 as compared to the previous year. Polyester Filament Yarn was the largest exported product (US\$ 1345.49 Mn) followed by Polyester Cotton Yarn (US\$ 231.41 Mn) and Polyester Spun Yarn (US\$ 159.87 Mn). However, the exports of MMF fabrics witnessed only 29.82% growth in 2021-22. Synthetic Filament based fabrics (US\$ 591.44 Mn) was the top exported product in India's MMF textile exports followed by Polyester Filament Fabrics (US\$ 466.31 Mn). MMF Made ups have also witnessed only 27.96% growth during the same period. Share of the value-added segments like fabrics and Made ups have increased to 56% of total exports.

Strengths of Indian MMF Textiles Industry

- **India has large spinning, weaving, and processing installed capacity:** There are around 1,600 spinning mills, 4 lakh weaving units, 50,000 knitting units, 5,000 processing units and 71,000 garmenting and made-ups units in India. India has 2nd largest installed capacity of ring spinning; melt spinning and weaving machines in the world.
- **India has large indigenous raw material base:** India is the 2nd largest producer of Polyester Staple Fibre and Filament yarn in the world. India is 3rd largest producer of Viscose Staple Fibre in the world.
- **India has huge human resource:** Due to large population of India, human resource availability is the strength of Indian MMF industry. Around 45 mn. people directly or indirectly are involved in MMF textile production.
- **High potential in R&D and COEs:** India has several recognized institutes like IIT Delhi and COEs which are majorly focused on R&D activities in MMF Textiles. Industry stakeholder in India also have the capability of R&D and innovations to establish various product base in India

Challenges in MMF Textile Sector

- **Domestic Market Focused:** A large number of MMF Textiles manufacturers in India have, thus, far looked majorly at the domestic market for their business and export has come into play only when they have had unutilised capacities. Since the domestic demand is itself huge and does not require any
- **Inverted Duty Structure:** Synthetic fibre, at present, is taxed at 18%, yarn at 12% and final output at 5%, creating a tax structure where rate on inputs is higher than that on output
- **Lack of Vertical Integration:** Buyers today are looking for one stop shops i.e., a vertically integrated unit instead of different counters to cater to their demand. Indian MMF Textiles Industry is highly fragmented in nature leading to higher logistic cost and higher lead time.
- **Lack of Technical Know-How:** The processing of synthetic fibres, yarns and fabrics is a challenge which industry still must overcome
- **Conventional and Obsolete Technology:** Technology level in India is conventional and obsolete which requires upgradation and automation. While upgrading the technology level, invest into the right technology suitable as per international standards
- **Lack of Indigenous Manufacturing Facilities for Specialty Fibre:** Several fibres such as Nylon 6,6, Aramids, Carbon and other synthetic fibres are still outsourced in India which can be developed through R&D and JVs to boost MMF sector and promote Make in India.
- **Lack of Economies of Scale:** These are cost advantageous derived from the organized production and large scale of operation. This facilitates lower production cost at lesser lead time delivery
- **Lack of Export Compliant Factory:** Global brands and retailers seeks a fully compliant factory which can supply ethically manufactured products.
- **Lack of Consistent and Exports Quality Raw Materials:** Polyester staple fibre and filament yarn available in India shows barre effects and challenges while dyeing. There are batch to batch variation in quality of the synthetic fibres in India. Most of the buyers from US and EU demand for premium quality MMF fabrics which India is yet to develop as the Indian MMF Textiles industry focuses on inferior quality product manufacturing.

- **Lack of Manpower Availability Near to Factory Locations:** Non-availability of skilled manpower nearby factory locations is among the major constraints faced by the MMF sector that hampers production process and quality of the products. The inability of the sector to pay high wages renders them unattractive for new skilled workers.
- **Lack of Adequate Infrastructure:** MMF textile clusters, like Bhiwandi, lacks good roads and layout which increases the cost of logistics and does not allow for planned expansion of existing textile firms.
- **Delays in Shipment Delivery:** Shipment delays have been a common problem for MMF textiles exporters, costing them extra expenses, revenue delays, loss of credibility, etc. Multiple factors contribute to such delays, including late receipt of documents, cargo visibility, customs clearance, unforeseen accidents, bad weather, etc., which can severely hamper the day-to-day operations of these players and impact their balance sheets.
- **Lack of Focus on Industry 4.0:** Today, the world or the leading global supplier, China, has adopted modern technology software system in their manufacturing units for inventory management, traceability, etc. Factories are equipped with Industry 4.0 to make the workplace easily accessible which reduces lead time and improves quality. MMF textiles requires much more handle and adequate manufacturing techniques as compared to cotton-based textiles which requires such systems to be implemented.

Way Forward

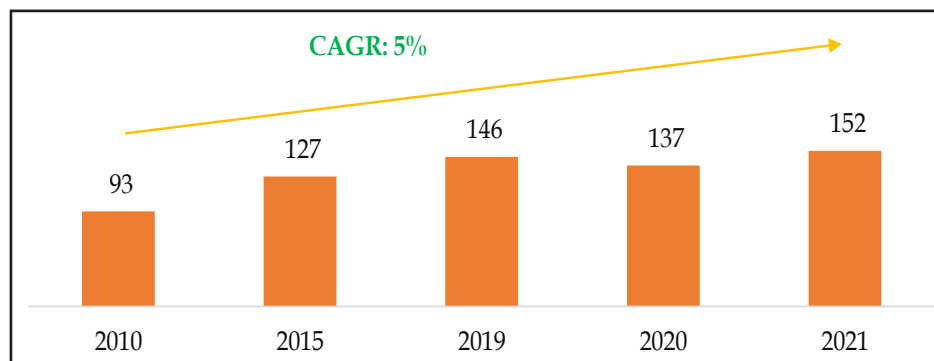
The Indian MMF industry is growing slowly but steadily despite several constraints. The sector has immense potential and growth opportunity owing to the strong determination of the entrepreneurs engaged in the industry.

With focus on increasing state-of-the-technology based manufacturing and upgrading the existing capacity to meet the adequate raw material supply, large domestic demand, workforce availability and substantial ecosystem, the industry can become a prominent supplier of good quality MMF textiles in the world.

World Technical Textiles Trade Scenario

The world trade (exports) of Technical Textiles has been growing at a CAGR of 5% during 2010 to 2021. The world trade has reached US\$ 152 bn. in the year 2021 from US\$ 93 bn. in the year 2010.

Figure 1: World Technical Textiles Trade Growth in US\$ Bn.



Source: UN Comtrade, DGFT and SRTEPC Analysis

Segment-wise World Trade of Technical Textiles

The growth in overall world trade of Technical Textiles is backed by each segment's growth over the years. Almost all the segments of Technical Textiles have grown during 2010 to 2021, except Sportech which has declined by a CAGR of 4% during 2010 to 2021.

Segments for traction in world trade of Technical Textiles are Buildtech, Meditech and Packtech which has grown at a CAGR of 7%, 12% and 6%, respectively during 2010 to 2021. These segments have shown growth above the overall world trade growth of Technical Textiles. The world trade of Agrotech, Clothtech and Homotech has grown at a CAGR of 5% each, during 2010 to 2021.

Table: Segment-wise World Trade Growth of Technical Textiles (Values in US\$ Bn.)

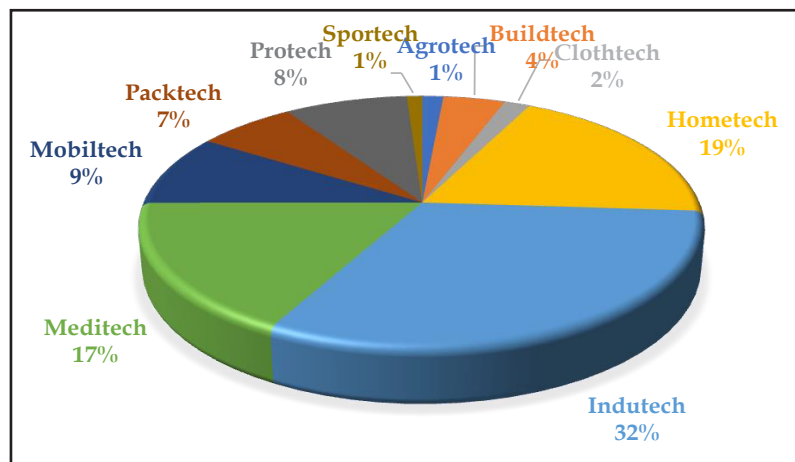
Segment	2010	2015	2021	CAGR 2010-21
Agrotech	1.2	1.8	2.1	5%
Buildtech	2.8	3.7	6.3	7%
Clothtech	1.6	2.1	2.6	5%
Homotech	16.9	21.0	28.5	5%
Indutech	34.0	39.3	48.2	3%
Meditech	7.3	23.9	26.0	12%
Mobiltech	12.2	15.0	13.9	1%
Packtech	5.4	7.3	10.1	6%
Protech	8.9	10.7	12.5	3%
Sportech	2.3	1.9	1.6	-4%
Grand Total	92.8	126.7	151.7	5%

Source: UN Comtrade, DGFT and SRTEPC Analysis

Segment-wise Share in World Technical Textiles Trade

Indutech represents 32% share of the total world technical textiles trade in 2021, followed by Hometech (19%) and Meditech (17%).

Figure 2: Segment Share in World Technical Textiles Trade 2021

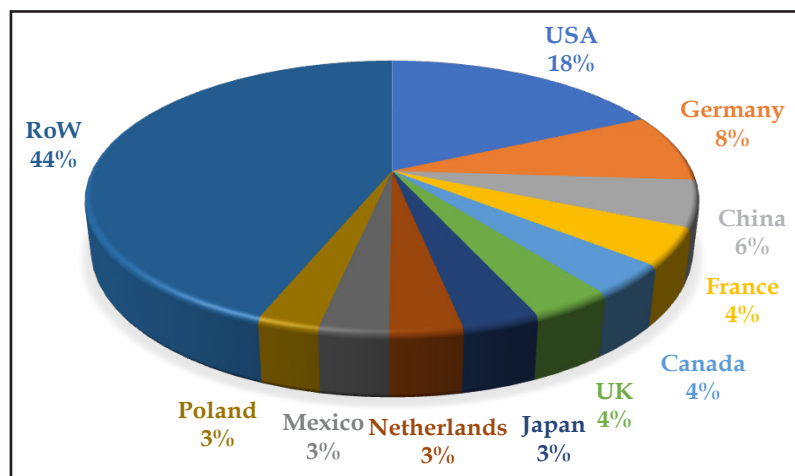


Source: UN Comtrade, DGFT, Baseline Survey 2020 and SRTEPC Analysis

Leading Global Markets of Technical Textiles

As shown in Figure no. 3, USA is the largest market of Technical Textiles, representing 18% of the world imports share in the year 2021, followed by Germany (8%) and China (6%).

Figure 3: Share of Leading World Technical Textiles Markets 2021



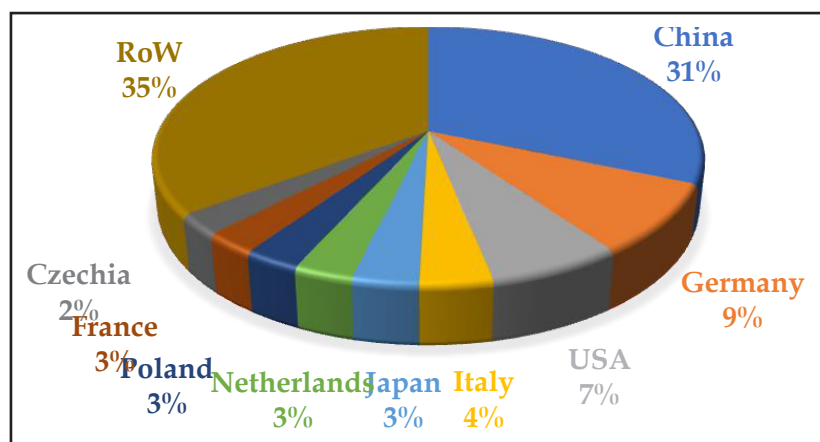
Source: UN Comtrade, DGFT and SRTEPC Analysis

Leading Global Exporters (Suppliers) of Technical Textiles

As shown in Figure no. 4, China is the largest exporter of Technical Textiles in the world, representing 31% of the world exports share in the year 2021, followed by Germany (9%) and USA (7%).

It is observed in the year 2021 that, the leading exporters of Technical Textiles are also the leading markets of Technical Textiles in the world.

Figure 4: Share of Leading World Technical Textiles Exporters 2021



Source: UN Comtrade, DGFT and SRTEPC Analysis

Majorly Traded Technical Textiles Commodities – Their Markets & Suppliers

World Trade of Technical Textiles Product Categories

The world trade of Technical Textiles stood at US\$ 152 bn. in the year 2021. Of this, Technical Made-ups are the largest traded product category representing 49% of share in the year 2021; followed by Technical Fabrics (40%). The trade share of only Technical Made-ups has grown up by 11% in the year 2021 as compared to 2010, taking over the major share of Technical Fabrics, followed by Technical Fibres and Yarns, during the same period. Exports of Technical Made-ups have shown the highest CAGR of 7%, followed by Fabrics and Fibres, 3% each, Yarns (2%) and Apparel (1%) during 2010 to 2021.

Figure 5: World Trade of Technical Textiles Product Categories



Source: UN Comtrade, DGFT and SRTEPC Analysis

Product-wise Share of World Technical Textile Trade 2021

Nonwovens are the largest traded commodities in the world Technical Textiles market, representing 13% trade share, followed by Coated & Laminated Fabrics (12%), Sanitary Napkins (10%), Carpet Tiles (8%) and Glass Products – Yarns & Fabrics (7%).



SOCIAL MEDIA (TWEETS)



SRTEPC @srtepc · Mar 3

The Centre has taken steps to enhance exports by micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector by setting up facilitation centers across the country. #SRTEPC @Dhirubhaishah21 & @bhadreshmd welcome the initiative and believe that support in areas like technology infusion

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SRTEPC @srtepc · Mar 4

For the first time, Textiles Ministry to provide a platform to women-led startups to showcase circular products, which are largely based on textile waste at an exhibition next week as part of the International Women's Day celebration.

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#SRTEPC @Dhirubhaishah21 & @bhadreshmd welcome the initiative of @TexMinIndia and believe that this will attract more women entrepreneurs in the textile sector and promote circularity and sustainability in the textiles industry.

business-standard.com/article/econom...



SRTEPC @srtepc · Mar 6

#SRTEPC @Dhirubhaishah21 & @bhadreshmd welcome the initiative and believe that the move will help in boosting exports of MMF textiles & technical textiles from India to Sri Lanka & support the interests of the global trading community in Indian currency.



SRTEPC @srtepc · Mar 6

India and Sri Lanka are exploring the possibility of using the Indian Rupee for economic transactions and have discussed the initiative that will help in building a stronger and closer partnership through trade and investment-led measures between the two countries.



SRTEPC @srtepc · Mar 10

SRTEPC Chairman @Dhirubhaishah21 and Vice Chairman @bhadreshmd congratulated the Minister for his proactive approach, vision, dynamism, and direction that resulted in record merchandise exports of US\$ 422 billion in 2022. @bhadreshmd informed that the exports

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of MMF textiles & Technical Textiles segment will significantly contribute to overall exports with around 30% to 35% share by 2030.



SRTEPC @srtepc · Mar 17

With Modi Government's approval of 7 Mega Integrated Textile Region & Apparel (PM-MITRA) Parks in the country, India's textiles sector is set to get a major boost. It entails a big boost to #AatmanirbharBharat as we strive to make India the global textiles hub #PragatiKaPMMitra



SRTEPC @srtepc · Mar 17

Chairman @Dhirubhaishah21 & Vice-Chairman @bhadreshmd thank Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi for the PM MITRA Scheme, & confident that it will encourage more investment, provide plug & play infrastructure, boost exports and increase employment #PragatiKaPMMitra



SRTEPC @srtepc · Mar 21

SRTEPC delegation led by the Vice Chairman, Shri Bhadresh Dodhia met the Consulate General of UAE, Mr. Abdullah Husein Salman Mohamed Al- Marzooqi and discussed roadmap to increase exports of MMF textiles and Technical textiles from India to the UAE.



SRTEPC @srtepc · Mar 24

Major growth was seen in Polyester filament fabrics exports 31%, Polyester Viscose fabrics 19%, Polyester Cotton fabrics 40%, and Polyester Wool fabrics 40%.

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@SRTEPC, Chairman @Dhirubhaishah21 and Vice Chairman @bhadreshmd thank the members for their vigorous efforts and urge members to focus on new markets.

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Exports of Indian MMF textiles were US\$ 4730.62 mn. during April – Jan. 2022-23, vs US\$ 5589.70 mn. of corresponding period of the previous year, witnessing a decline of 15.37%. Upto Jan. 2023,

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MMF textiles exports have achieved around 72% of the export target set for the year, at a run rate of US\$ 473 mn. per month.



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Airbags, Fishing Nets, Hose Pipes, and Tapes & Webbing have shown significant growth in exports with 55%, 16%, 31% & 6%, respectively during Apr. '22 – Jan. '23 as compared to Apr. '21 – Jan. '22.

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Protech was the fastest growing segment in exports with 46% growth during Apr. '22 – Jan. '23. Packtech and Indutech were the largest exported segments with exports worth of US\$ 891 mn. and US\$ 612 mn. respectively during Apr. '22 – Jan. '23.

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Exports of Indian Technical Textiles stood at US\$ 2,096 mn. during Apr. '22 – Jan. '23. Exports of technical yarns and apparels have shown healthy growth of 52% and 18%, respectively during Apr. '22 – Jan. '23 as compared to Apr. '21 – Jan. '22.



SRTEPC @srtepc · Mar 30

SRTEPC extends its sincere thanks and express its gratitude to Shri Dhiraj Shah (@Dhirubhaishah21) for his Leadership, Vision, Support and Guidance which the Council has received during his tenure as the Chairman of the Council during the period from 2021 to 2023.



SRTEPC @srtepc · Mar 31

@srtepc Welcomes its new Chairman, Shri Bhadresh Dodhia (@bhadreshmd), Director, Dodhia Group.

SRTEPC looks forward towards his Vision, Leadership and Guidance for the growth of Manmade Fibre Textiles and Technical Textiles.



Chairman, SRTEPC participated in SIMA's COA Meeting



Chairman, Shri Bhadresh Dodhia attended the Meeting of the Committee of Administration of SIMA at Welcom Hotel , Coimbatore on 17.04.2023. ED, Shri A. Ravi Kumar was also present in the Meeting.

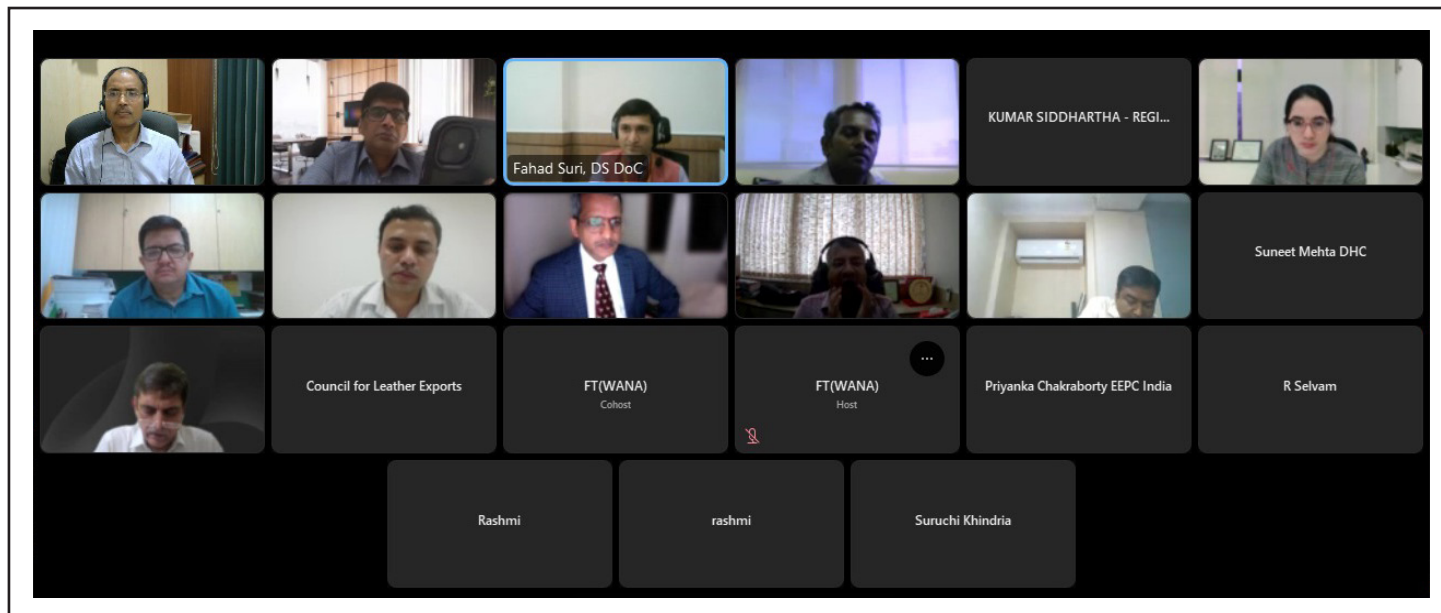
Shri Ravi Sam, Chairman, SIMA and the entire COA members welcomed the Chairman.

In the Meeting Shri Bhadresh Dodhia spoke about the potential to increase exports of MMF textiles especially from Tamil Nadu. He also gave a detailed explanation on issues such as QCO on Viscose Staple Fibre, Anti-dumping duties, etc. The Chairman informed the members on the various issues on which he had discussions with the Hon'ble CIM, Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and Railways, Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh, Secretary (Textiles), Smt. Rachna Shah and senior officials in the Ministry of Textiles.

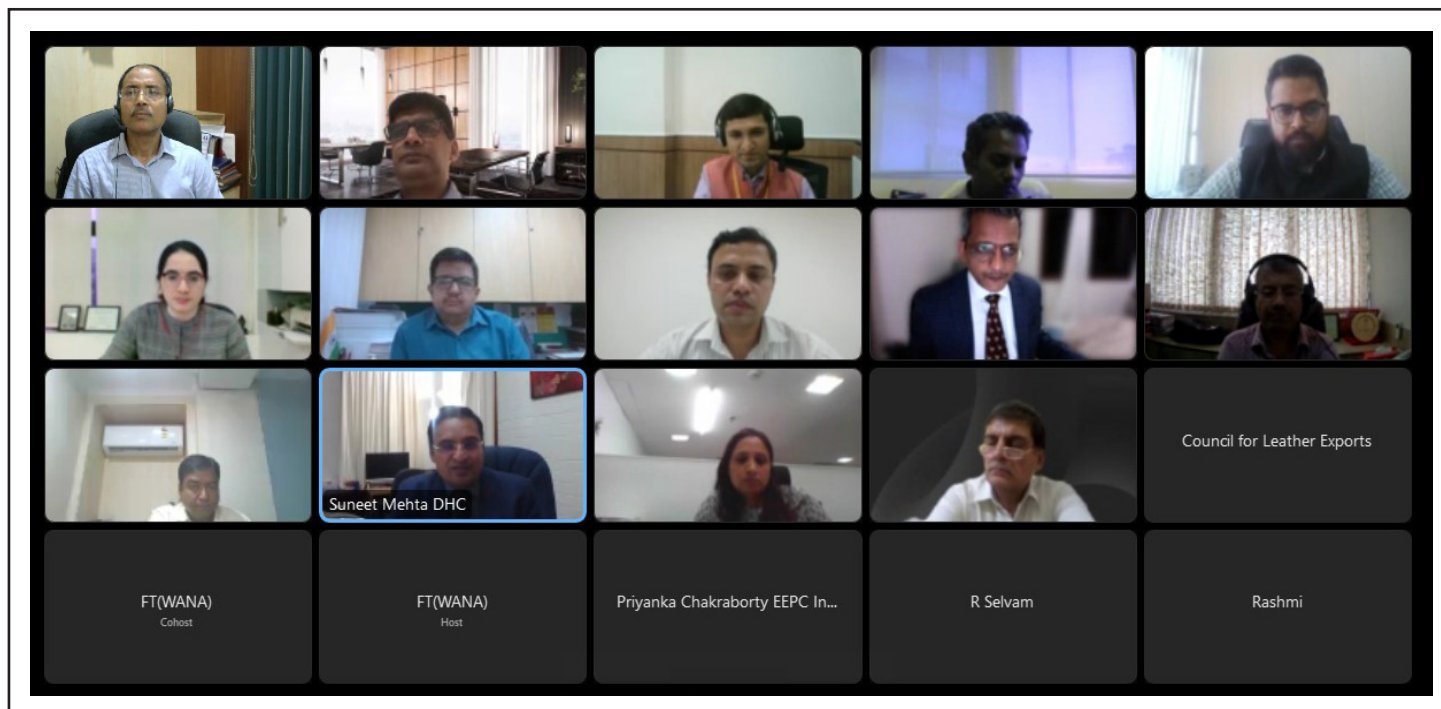
Executive Director, Shri A. Ravi Kumar spoke on the Highlights of the FTP 2023 . Issues raised by the Members on the AEP under the EPCG Scheme, Advance Authorization Scheme, SION etc were suitably clarified by the ED .

SIMA assured the Chairman of their full Co-operation to our Council. Chairman also assured SIMA of our Council's support to them.

Virtual meeting to discuss NTM/NTB issues pertaining to Australia is scheduled to be held on 12 April 2023



In connection with upcoming Round of India-Australia ECTA negotiations, the Department of Commerce called a virtual meeting to discuss NTM/NTB issues pertaining to Australia on 12 April 2023, Wednesday under the Chairmanship of Dr. Srikar Reddy, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce.



However, due to other engagements of Dr. Srikar Reddy, Joint Secretary, Mr. Fahad Suri, Deputy Secretary (SMD Goods) presided over the meeting. His Excellency Suneet Mehta, Deputy High Commissioner, High Commission of India, Canberra, Australia was also present at the meeting.

Besides SRTEPC, representatives from other Export Promotion Councils viz., EEPC, GJEPC, *Chemexcil*, *Pharmexcil*, AEPC, Texprocil, etc also participated.

The DS informed that if any sort of NTB exporters face across all the sectors while to Australia that should be brought to the notice of the DoC so that the same may be taken up during the upcoming Round of India-Australia ECTA negotiations.

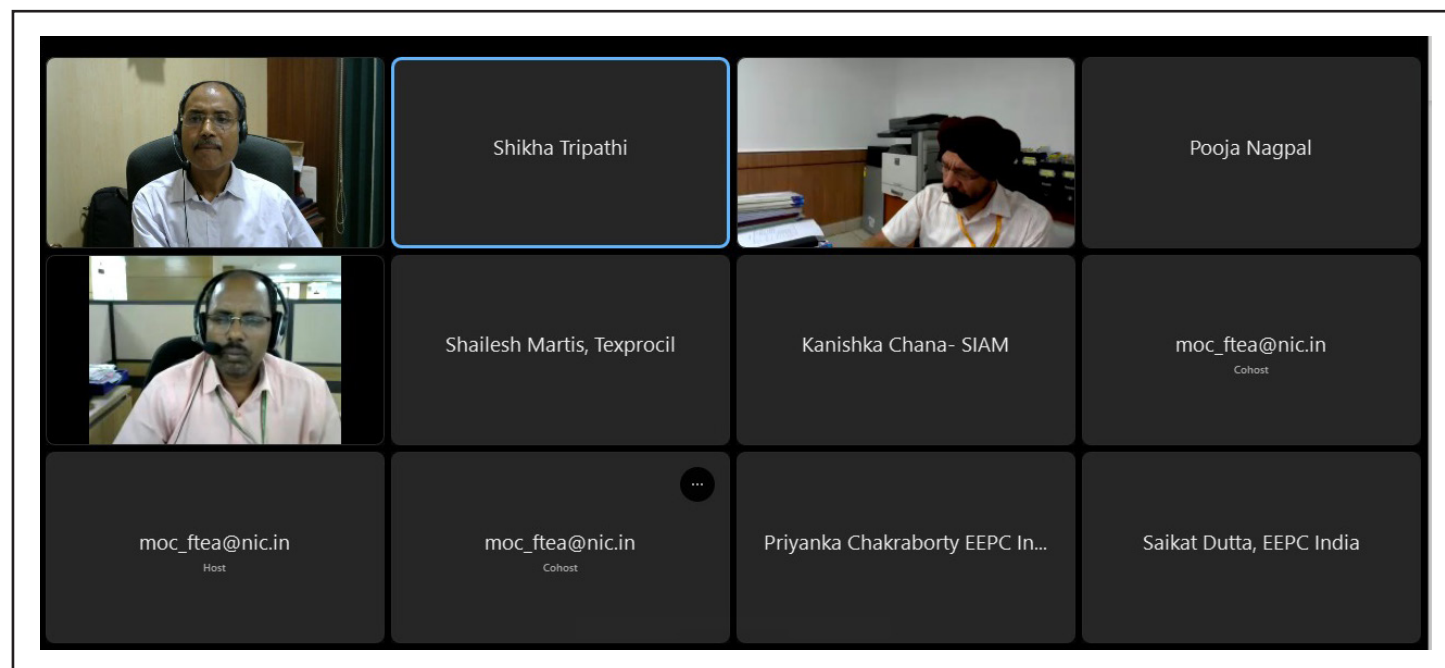
His Excellency Suneet Mehta, Deputy High Commissioner informed that after implementation of the India-Australia ECTA Indian exports have huge export opportunity to Australia. HE also mentioned that Government is making all out efforts to expand our trade ties with Australia and if exporters do face any issue while exporting to Australia, then the same should be informed to the Indian Mission also. Mission ensures all possible support for increasing exports from India to Australia.

Then sector-wise inputs were taken from the representatives of the various EPCs. From SRTEPC Shri K. Baruah, Additional Director, attended the meeting. Shri Baruah updated on the latest exports scenario of Indian MMF and technical textiles to Australia. It was informed that our current annual exports to Australia are around US\$ 70 million of which about US\$ 60 million is of conventional MMF textiles and around US\$ 10 million is of technical textiles and exports of these textiles to Australia are growing. He also mentioned that Australia imports around US\$ 1500 million of MMF and technical textiles annually in which India's share is around 5% and there is good scope to further increase our market share in the Australian market. It was also informed that the after implementation of the India-Australia ECTA negotiations Indian exports are getting zero-duty market access in Australia where were earlier subject to 5% import duty. Therefore, exports are likely to get further boost to Australia.

Regarding NTBs Shri Baruah informed that Australia maintains some standards which are applicable to imports and domestic production as well. These standards are mostly on Children's clothing. They also have restrictions on use of chemicals viz., formaldehyde and Azo dyes in textiles. However, there are applicable to imports from across the world and not specific to India. Shri Baruah informed that the Indian exporters are fully aware of the prohibition of the chemicals like formaldehyde and Azo dyes in textiles and they don't use it.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Meeting on Trade and Investment - Japan



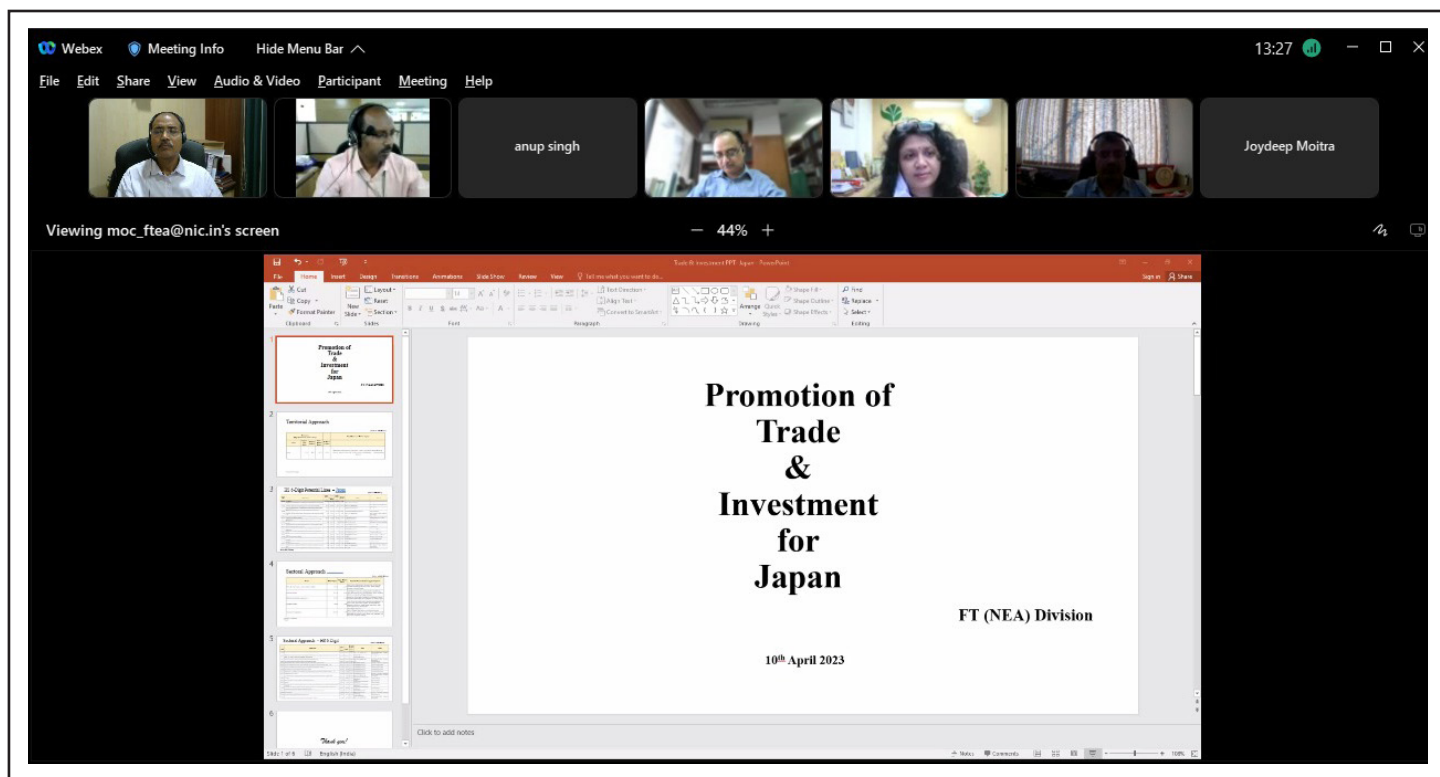
The Ministry of Commerce and Industry is in the process of identifying the potential sectors/items to increase export to Japan.

In this connection, a meeting was called on 10.04.2023 under the Chairmanship of Shri Anant Swarup, Joint Secretary, Dept. of Commerce to discuss the issues relating to export to Japan on the identified Sectors. However, due to urgent engagements of the Joint Secretary he could not come, and the Meeting was chaired by Shri Anup Singh, Deputy Secretary, DoC.

Along with SRTEPC, representatives of others EPCs were also present at the meeting. Shri Anup Singh has made a PPT presentation on potential items and requested comments from the respective EPCs. He also requested EPCs to suggest the trade barriers /non-tariff barriers (NTBs) if any faced by them in these items/sectors while exporting to Japan.

From SRTEPC, Shri K. Baruah, Additional Director attended the meeting. Shri Baruah updated on the latest export scenario of MMF textiles to Japan. It was informed that although overall MMF textiles exports have contracted during April-Jan 2022-23, exports to Japan have been positive by around 5%. It was informed that SRTEPC has been making continuous efforts to aware its

members about the Japanese market where exports are enjoying duty free market access. Council has also made the members aware about the MoU that was signed in January 2021 between Textiles Committee, Ministry of Textiles, India and M/s Nissenken Quality Evaluation Centre, Japan for improving quality and testing of Indian textiles and Clothing for catering to the Japanese market. Which yield positive result. Council also informed that Japan is a different market which will not book any order just seeing the product quality. For gaining foothold in Japanese market, companies will have to work with patience and understand entire product requirements of the Japanese clients.



Regarding NTBs, the Council informed that there is no NTBs as such. They have standards for imports from all countries, which they are strictly following.

Regarding RBSM/BSM, export promotional programmes targeting Japanese buyers, Council informed that it invited around 5 Japanese buyers to its flagship programme Source India organised in Mumbai from 28 to 30 November 2022.

To attract Japanese Investment in Indian MMF Textiles segment, the following have been proposed:

- Quality and Standard collaboration between India and Japan.
- Collaborate in Textile Machinery Manufacturing (like TMT Machinery Co. Ltd.) where there are technological gaps and to provide state-of-the art textile engineering solutions, to meet the growth potential in Technical Textiles between India and Japan.
- Have joint ventures between Indian and Japanese companies in coordination and support from Government of India to take the Indian technical textile industry to new heights.

SRTEPC'S Services to Indian Exporters



- Introduces Exporters to appropriate Overseas Buyers
- Provides up-to-date information and identifies potential markets for them
- Organises Export Promotion Programmes like Trade Fairs/Exhibitions, Buyer-Seller Meets in various overseas markets.
- 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
- Resolves problems of members connected with DGFT, Customs/Central Excise, GST, ROSL, Duty Drawback, Banking, ECGC, etc.
- 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.
- Forex updates on WhatsApp.

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