

Comprehensive progress report on achievements and key initiatives/policies of the MoT during the last four years.

1. EXPORT DIVISION (Garmenting Package)

Union Government on **22nd June, 2016** approved a special package of Rs 6,000 crores for apparel sector to boost employment generation and export potential in the textile and apparel value chain. The package includes a slew of measures which will lead to cumulative increase of US\$ 30 bn. in exports, investment of 74,000 crores (\$11 bn) and 1 crore job opportunities over the three year period.

The special package was extended to the made-ups sector on **7th December, 2016** which is expected to create employment for up to 11 lakh people, lead to a cumulative increase of US\$ 2.8 billion in exports, attract investment of approximately Rs. 6000 crores and enhance benefits to the workers in the textile and apparel sector.

I. Salient features of special package

1. Employee Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) reforms

- a) **Pradhan Mantri Paridhan Rozgar Protsahan Yojana (PMPRPY):** Under Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY), 8.33% of employer's contribution was provided by the Government. Under the special package, the Ministry of Textiles is providing remaining 3.67% of the employer's contribution of garment industry for first 3 years who are earning less than Rs. 15,000 per month.. However, now the Govt. of India is bearing entire 12% of the employers' contribution of the Employee Provident Fund (EPF) for new employees.

The scheme guidelines were made effective **from 9th August, 2016** for apparel and from **11th March, 2017** for made-ups.

Funds Allocated and Disbursed under the Scheme as below:

Year	Allocated (Rs cr)	Disbursed (Rs cr) as on 2 nd May 2018
2016-17	30	22.69
2017-18	200	
2018-19	10	-

The Government will make necessary funds available for the scheme to EPFO (implementing agency) in advance for payment of EPS contribution on a regular basis based on the estimates of funds projected by EPFO. 2.55 lakh workers have been benefitted from the PMPRPY Scheme upto 23.04.2018`

2. Labour Law Reforms

- b) **Introduction of fixed term employment:** Looking at the seasonal nature of the apparel industry, fixed term employment has been introduced in the garment sector by amending Industrial Employment (Standing Order) Central Rules 1946 on 7th October 2016. A fixed term workman is now considered at par with permanent workman in terms of working hours, wages, allowances and other statutory dues.

3. Income tax act reform

- c) **Enhancing scope of Section 80JJAA of Income Tax Act:** According to the existing provision, a manufacturing company with minimum 100 workmen can claim deduction of 30% of additional wages paid to new regular workmen in a factory for 3 years including the year of employment. However, one of the eligibility clause is that the workman should have been employed for a period of minimum 240 days. But, owing to the seasonal nature of the apparel manufacturing units, factories are functional only for around 6 months a year and are not able to take much benefit under this section. Hence, the minimum requirement of 240 days has been reduced to 150 days **w.e.f 1st April, 2017.**

4. Enhancement of Capital Investment Subsidy under ATUFS

d) **Additional incentives under ATUFS:** Government provides an additional 10% capital investment subsidy (CIS) for garmenting units which have availed 15% CIS benefit under ATUFS based on the achievement of projected production and employment after a period of three years. The cap on subsidy has also been raised to Rs. 50 crores. This additional 10% is given under the Scheme for Production and Employment Linked Support for Garmenting Units (SPELSGU) under ATUFS was **rolled out on 25th July, 2016 by the Ministry of Textiles** for the garment sector. The same Scheme was extended to made-up sector on **10th January, 2017**. The scheme for apparel and made-ups both came into **effect from the date of resolution of ATUFS i.e. 13.01.2016 to 31.03. 2019**.

5. Higher Duty Drawback through Rebate of State Taxes/Levies

e) **Rebate on State Levies (ROSL Scheme):** In a first of its kind move, RoSL was introduced to refund state levies for apparel and made-ups sectors. The scheme was introduced to make exports competitive.

As a part of special package for apparel announced by the Government, a Notification on RoSL was issued by MoT dated 12.08.2016. The rates of RoSL were notified on 13.08.2016. The maximum rates were 3.9% for apparel and made-ups.

Post-GST RoSL rates were notified by MoT on 24th November, 2017 which are effective from 1st October 2017. Post-GST rates of RoSL are upto a maximum of 1.70% for cotton garments, 1.25% for MMF, Silk and Woolen garments and 1.48% for apparel of blends. Rates are upto a maximum of 2.20% for cotton made-ups, 1.40% for MMF and silk made-ups and 1.80% for made-ups of blends. For sacks and bags made of jute, the rate is 0.60%. Till date an amount of Rs 2230 crore has been disbursed to exporters under RoSL.

On the basis of recommendations from Drawback Committee the following State taxes/levies were included for the purpose of RoSL scheme:

- VAT on fuel used in transportation (raw materials, finished goods and factory workers)
- VAT on fuel used in generation of captive power,
- Mandi tax on purchase of cotton,

- Duty on electricity used in manufacture as accumulated from stage of Cotton/MMF fibre till garment/made up stage
- Stamp duties on export documents and
- SGST on inputs used in production of cotton and embedded SGST in purchases from unregistered dealers

f) Enhanced Duty drawback coverage under Advance Authorization for garments: Drawback at All Industries Rate is being given for domestic duty paid inputs even when fabrics are imported under Advance Authorization Scheme. The scheme guidelines for Apparel sector were notified on 12th August 2016. Scheme was rolled out on 20th September 2016 alongwith RoSL Scheme.

II. Impact of Special Package

Under the special package, 15.12 lakh direct and indirect additional employment has been generated and additional investment of Rs 6,959 cr has been achieved as on 19.04.2018. Rs 7,464 cr of additional export has been made upto January 2018.

III. Textiles India 2017

Ministry of Textiles organised a 3 day mega international textile exhibition namely, Textiles India-2017 from 30th June, 2017 to 2nd July, 2017 at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat. This event was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 30th June, 2017. The principal objective of organising the said mega event was to bring all segments of the textiles sector under one umbrella trade event and showcase the strength of the Indian textiles sector to the world. The event witnessed participation of buyers from 105 countries, international delegates and representatives and artisans and weavers. Textiles India provided an excellent platform for B2B interactions and explored investment and technological tie-ups across various segments in the textiles value chain. During the event, inter-alia, 65 MoU's between different organisations, including foreign government and companies and Indian entities were signed. 3 Country Sessions, 7 State Sessions, 6 conferences chaired by Hon'ble Union Ministers, 01 Conference of ASEAN countries, 26

round table Conferences, and Fashion Shows were held. Besides this, national and international exhibitors showcased their products. Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) have reported that the event generated business worth INR 2233 Crores (US\$ 344 million). Around Rs. 1340 crore business enquiries were received by the EPCs.

2. AMENDED TECHNOLOGY UPGRADATION FUND SCHEME (A-TUFS)

Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme was launched in 2015-16 with an outlay of Rs 17822 cr for a period of seven years from 2016-2022. The scheme is expected to mobilize new investment of Rs 95000 cr and create new jobs for about 35 lakh persons by 2022. Thrust has been given to the Segments like Garments, Made-ups and Technical textiles for their potential for employment generation and exports.

2. Since launch of scheme about 11365 projects have been sanctioned involving subsidy amount of Rs 5294 cr. These projects are estimated to mobilize investment of about Rs 48500 cr and create new employment opportunities for in textiles sector.

3. Salient feature of the scheme is under

1. Transparency through web based implementation

- ATUFS is implemented through a robust online platform called **iTUFS** to bring in efficiency and transparency and accountability in implementation of the Scheme
- All applications are to be filed online in iTUFS portal
- All stakeholders have access to portal to check the status of their

applications

- FIFO- Principle of First Come First out is followed without any discrimination
- Timelines for every stakeholder is defined and enforced through iTUFS software

2. **Effective Monitoring:**

- Verification of production by Joint Inspection Team (JIT) before release of subsidy

3. **Direct Transfer of funds in the account of beneficiary:**

- Payments are made direct to account of beneficiary through PFMS portal of the Government.

4. **Participative approach:**

- Inter- Ministerial Steering Committee (IMSC) and Technical Advisory and Monitoring Committee (TAMC) which are the advisory and monitoring bodies of the scheme have members from the Industry and Financial institutions besides Government representatives .

3. NORTH EAST REGION TEXTILE PROMOTION SCHEME (NERTPS)

North East Region Textiles Promotion Scheme (NERTPS) reflects vision of the Government towards its North East Policy. NERTPS is an umbrella scheme implemented in project based approach with necessary flexibility in design and implementation to cater to the specific need of the NE States. Projects worth about Rs 1200 Crore with GOI share of Rs.1150 Crore covering all sub sectors of textiles have been sanctioned under the scheme during last 4 years. Details of sector-wise sanctioned projects under the scheme is given below:

Sector	Details
Sericulture	A total of 24 projects covering Mulberry, Eri and Muga silk have been sanctioned with a total cost of these projects is Rs.819.19 crore of which Gol share is Rs.690.01 crore. The projects aim to bring around 31,010 acres of plantation and to contribute additional production of 2,285 MT raw silk during the project period and generate employment for 2, 30,500 persons. So far, about 30,000 acres have been brought under host plantation covering 29,905 beneficiaries and produced 1,600 MT of raw silk. A total of 594.57 Crore has been released in these projects.
Apparel & Garment Making Project	The project with outlay of Rs 145.45 cr has been introduced to promote industrial garmenting in North East. Under this Project plug and play Centers (factories) equipped with high-end industrial garmenting machineries have been set up in each NE States and Sikkim at a cost of Rs.18.18 Cr/Centre. Centers in all NE States and Sikkim. The Centers serve as incubation center for fresh entrepreneurs to set up their business in garment manufacturing. Each center is expected to create employment for about 1200 persons. All the centers except Sikkim have been inaugurated and

	handed over to the State Government to run them through local entrepreneurs. .
Handloom	195 cluster development projects with a financial outlay of Rs. 98.7 crores are under implementation under this project. In addition, financial assistance is also provided to the weavers for marketing support.
Handicrafts	6 projects have been sanctioned for development of NE handicrafts with a Gol share of Rs 52.60 Cr.

Small projects for Jute and Powerlooms are also sanctioned under the scheme.

North East Investment Summit:

The first ever North East Investment Summit focusing on manufacturing in textiles and allied sectors was organized jointly by the Ministry of Textiles and Ministry of DoNER on 29-30th Jan 2017 at Shillong. Purpose of the summit was to unveil potential of the region as a global destination for investments and explore possibility for convergence of efforts of various central Ministries and North Eastern States to attract investments in textile sector in the region. The Summit witnessed signing of 21 Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) to promote investment opportunities and R&D projects in NER. 200 B2B meetings were also held during the summit.

4. SAMARTH

Information on Key initiatives/ Flagship Schemes.

Name of the Key initiative/ Flagship Scheme	Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS)
Launch Date	The Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS) was introduced by Ministry of Textiles as a pilot scheme on October, 2010. ISDS main phase was approved by CCEA on 23 rd August 2013 for the 12 th plan period upto 2016-17. The scheme got extended upto 30/011/2017
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To address the trained manpower needs of textiles and related segments including Handicrafts, Handlooms, Sericulture, Jute, Technical Textiles etc, by developing a cohesive and integrated framework of training based on the industry needs. Addressing this need is critical for enhancing the competitiveness of the industry in the globalized economy. 2. To increase the employability of residents of the target areas through imparting of skills in the above segments. 3. To ensure that the scheme is so designed as to cater to the wide range of skill sets required in various segments as listed above, while simultaneously ensuring sufficient flexibility to meet the dynamic needs of these segments.
Target beneficiaries	Skill Development Scheme by MoT was implemented Pan India covering all sections of society, including rural, remote, LWE affected, North East, J&K by imparting skills in the identified job roles. Preference is given to various social groups, SCs, STs, differently abled, minorities and other vulnerable groups. Under ISDS, around 11 lakh people have been

	trained of which more than 70% are women.																								
Physical Targets	ISDS target was to train 15 lakh persons during 12 th Plan in various segments of textiles Sector.																								
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Major Initiatives undertaken by the present Govt.	<p>Major Initiatives undertaken by the Present Government</p> <p>(i) Towards digitization, a web based centralized Management Information System (MIS) platform giving interface to all stakeholders has been operationalized for implementation and monitoring of training programmes.</p>																								

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Biometric attendance system has been introduced for capturing the attendance of trainees during the training cycle and the attendance data is pushed to MIS on real time basis. In the new scheme, Aadhaar Based Attendance system would be introduced for identification of trainees to avoid duplicity in enrolment. (iii) Random physical verification of live training centres has been introduced through field offices of Textile Commissioner. A separate module has been operationalized in the MIS for physical verification. (iv) QR code enabled e-certificates to trainees have been operationalized facilitating verification of the credentials of trainees using QR code scanner. (v) As part of “Good Governance Day”, Real Time Scheme information was made public through Ministry of Textiles website on 26/12/2016. (vi) A National Workshop of ISDS was held on 27th August 2015 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
<p>Success Stories, preferably Individual Success Stories with photographs, videos & contact details of beneficiaries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beneficiaries’ testimonies along with photographs and details are attached. (ii) Photographs taken during ISDS schemes are attached. (iii) Soft Copy of the film launch during National Level Workshop held on 27th August, 2015 depicting achievements and uniqueness of ISDS is attached.

5. INFRASTRUCTURE (SITP)

Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP)

(A) Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP): The Scheme addresses the need for infrastructure on cluster basis by establishing integrated value-chains under PPP for lowering costs and helps the industry to meet international environmental standards. Presently 66 textile parks are at different stages of implementation. A total of Rs.184.73 crores has been released in the last four years for developments of project under SITP. So far, twenty parks have been completed as per scheme guidelines which are presently employing around 63,000 persons and generating an investment of Rs. 8261 crores.

The modified scheme guideline of SITP has been notified on 27th March, 2018 for next three years from 1st April, 2017 to 31st March, 2020.

(B) Integrated Processing Development Scheme (IPDS): The Scheme is being implemented by Ministry of Textiles to enable the textile processing sector in meeting environmental standards through appropriate technology including marine, riverine and Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD). State Governments have been requested to forward suitable proposals, duly recommended by the State Pollution Control Boards for up-gradation of existing textile processing units or for setting up new processing units in their States for consideration of the Ministry along with their commitment to meet 25% of the project cost. Seven (7) proposals have been in-principally approved by the Ministry under the IPDS scheme with a total project cost of Rs. 790.92 crores out of which Gol share will be around Rs. 386.00 crores. Once completed, these projects are expected to support 4000 processing units. A sum of Rs. 55.31 crores has been released to the project in the last four years.

The modified scheme guideline of IPDS has been notified on 7th December, 2017 for next three years from 1st April, 2017 to 31st March, 2020.

(C) Scheme for Additional Grant for Apparel Manufacturing-Units (SAGAM) under SITP: In order to provide a fillip to the Apparel Manufacturing Industry and generate additional employment, particularly for women, the Ministry was implementing this scheme on pilot basis. Under this scheme the Ministry provides additional grant of Rs 10.0 crores to Integrated Textile Parks under SITP to set up new /additional apparel units in the park. One project under the scheme has been sanctioned to Palladam Hi-Tech Weaving Park, Tamil Nadu. A sum of Rs. 5.0 crores has been released to the project in the last four years.

(D) Scheme for Incubation in Apparel Manufacturing (SIAM): The Scheme for Incubation in Apparel Manufacturing (SIAM) was launched on pilot basis in January 2014 with initial outlay of Rs.38.8 crores for setting up three Incubation Centres @12.93 crores /Incubation Centre. The objective of the Scheme is to promote new entrepreneurs in apparel manufacturing by providing them an integrated workspace with complete ecosystem and plug and play facility. Three projects for setting up Incubation Centres, i.e. by HSIIDC in Haryana, SPINFED in Odisha & IIDC in Madhya Pradesh have been sanctioned under the scheme. A sum of Rs. 16.0 crores has been released under the scheme in the last four years.

(E) Scheme for Textile Industry Workers' Accommodation: The Scheme for Textile Worker's Accommodation was launched in 2014 with an outlay of Rs.45 cr. The objective of the Scheme is to provide safe, adequate and conveniently located accommodation for textile and apparel industry workers in the proximity of areas of high concentration of textile and apparel industries. Two such projects have been sanctioned. Out of these projects, Palladam Hi-Tech Weaving Park has been completed while Gujarat Eco-Textiles Park is in advanced stage of completion. A total sum of Rs.4.91 crores of GOI Grant has been released in the last four years.

6. HANDLOOMS SECTOR

Initiatives taken for the Handloom sector

1. MOU signed with the National Schedule Castes Finance Development Corporation

(NSFDC): On 14th April, 2017 on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti, MOU was signed with NSFDC to popularize the schemes of O/o DC(Handlooms) among SC weavers by organizing Awareness programmes, skill development programme and loan at concessional credit rate of interest from Banks/ channel partners of NSFDC, marketing exhibitions for SC weavers of the cluster to participate in the event for their income sustainability and enhancement of the income.

2. Education of handloom weavers and their children:

Third handloom census conducted in 2009-10 reveals that level of education of 83.3% adult handloom workers is below High School/Secondary School. The main reason for this is non-availability of time to pursue formal schooling. To empower the weavers, enabling them and their families for career progression, Ministry of Textiles has signed Memorandums of Understanding with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).

IGNOU offers continuing education programs through accessible and flexible learning opportunities relevant to the aspirations of handloom weavers and their children for career progression. NIOS offers Secondary and Senior Secondary level education with specialized subjects on design, marketing, business development, etc. through distance learning mode for handloom weavers.

Ministry of Textiles is providing reimbursement of 75% of the fee towards admission to NIOS/IGNOU courses in case of SC, ST, BPL and Women learners belonging to handloom weavers' families.

3. **Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata (HSS):** In the handloom clusters, Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata has been launched on 22.12.2016 to provide modern looms and accessories to trained weavers at 90% Government subsidy so as to produce quality niche products with improved productivity for improved earnings of weavers. So far, more than 8856 weavers have been benefitted. Guidelines of HSS have been amended which inter-alia include transfer of Gol share in the bank account of supplier of looms/accessories.

4. **Bunkar Mitra:** To receive and address varied professional queries of handloom weavers through single point of contact, “Bunkar Mitra” – Helpline for Handloom Weavers has started functioning w.e.f. 04.01.2017. This helpline can be accessed by dialling toll free number 18002089988. Weavers can call from anywhere in India from any number. This service is available from 10.00 A.M. to 06.00 P.M. on all 7 days a week in seven languages : Hindi, English, Tamil, Telugu, Bengali, Kannada and Assamese. Upto 31st March 2018, 16565 calls/grievances were received and all have been resolved.

5. **Publicity:** Birth centenary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya is being celebrated as Garib Kalyan Varsh. This birth centenary year is being highlighted in important functions of Ministry of Textiles such as International Women’s Day and Ambedkar Jayanti Celebration. It was also highlighted in the advertisement released on 22nd April, 2017 on the occasion of Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata camp in Vijayawada.

6. **“India Handloom” Brand-** During the celebration of 7th August 2015 as National Handloom Day, ‘India Handloom’ Brand was launched for branding of high quality handloom products. It will promote production of niche handloom products with high quality, authentic traditional designs with zero defect and zero effect on environment. Since its launch, 1090 registrations have been issued under 113 product categories and sale of Rs. 407.28 crore has been reported as on 31-03-2018.

- **India Handloom Brand Retail Stores-** Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms has partnered with 100 Retail Stores, to showcase and sell the exclusive India Handloom Brand (IHB) items from their stores. Now, 25 Retail Stores across India have started operations and have been receiving a positive input from the customers. Sales of Rs. 11.59 crore has been generated as on 31-03-2018.
- **Garment Manufacturers** - 23 Garment Manufacturers have been given approval for working with the IHB producers and they have already initiated the handholding with grass root level weavers for sourcing the fabrics from IHB registered weavers and have designed and launched a separate range of garments.
- **Industry initiation-** Initiation with various leading Brands has been undertaken by the IHB team, based on their choices and selection of types of fabrics, they are being linked with the weavers/producers of IHB .The brands have shown a very positive outlook for the quality of fabrics being made available by IHB producers and have come forward in bringing out a separate range of garments in their brand. BIBA, Peter England, ONAYA, have already launched a separate range of garments.
- **e-commerce-** In order to promote e-marketing of handloom products, a policy frame work was designed under which any willing e-commerce platform with good track record can participate in online marketing of handloom products. Accordingly, 21 e-commerce entities have been engaged for on-line marketing of handloom products. A total sales of Rs. 21.25 crore has been reported through the online portal as on 31-03-2018.

7. Deendayal Hastkala Sankul (Trade Centre & Museum), Bada Lalpur,Varanasi.

- In the Budget speech of 2014-15, Hon'ble Finance Minister announced setting up of Trade Facilitation Centre and a Crafts Museum, Varanasi to develop and promote handloom products and carry forward the rich tradition of handlooms of

Varanasi. The foundation stone of the Project was laid by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 7th November, 2014.

- The Trade Facilitation Centre & Crafts Museum, Varanasi was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 22nd September, 2017 and dedicated to the people as Deendayal Hastkala Sankul (Trade Centre & Museum), Varanasi. It is built on contiguous land measuring 7.93 acres with constructed area of 43,450 sq.mtrs.
- The Sankul has various facilities such as 28 Shops, 51 Marts, Food court, 2 Restaurants, Bank with Foreign Currency Exchange Services & ATM, space for Government offices, Convention Hall with capacity of 1200 persons, 15 dormitory rooms having total capacity of 81 beds, 18 twin bedded guest rooms, Crafts Museum, Souvenir shop, Amphitheatre and parking space for more than 500 cars. The Museum is already open to public which is attracting large number of visitors daily.
- The French President Emmanuel Macron accompanied by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi visited the Sankul on 12th March, 2018 and interacted with artisans and weavers while viewing a live demonstration of their crafts. The President of India also visited the Sankul on 26.03.2018 along with the Governor of Uttar Pradesh.

8. ERP and eDhaga App for Handloom weavers:

Keeping in view the Digital India initiative of Government of India, National Handloom Development Corporation Ltd.,(NHDC) is implementing Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system and eDhaga Mobile App for its commercial activities for the benefit of the handloom weavers.

The principles of Digital India such as Scope enhancement, Process re-engineering, use of integrated and interoperable systems and deployment of emerging technologies like cloud and mobile have been considered thoroughly in developing the ERP which would enhance the delivery of material quicker to the weavers.

ERP provides high quality customer service, better supply chain management and will lead to improved procurement, inventory and demand forecasting, essentially improving the entire supply chain and making it more responsive. By downloading the app the weavers will be able to access information anytime anywhere.

The eDhaga App was launched by Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani on 19-12-2016.

The eDhaga App is available in Google Play Store and can easily be downloaded in few steps. To cover the weavers of most of the weaver concentrated areas of the country, the App has been developed in 10 languages viz. Hindi, English, Urdu, Bangla, Assamese, Odiya, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam.

Status as on 31-03-2018

- Total number of eDhaga App Downloads is 7558
- No. of indents through ERP (01-04-2016 to 31-03-2018)- 81433
- Indented quantity through eDhaga – 73.93 lakh kg.
- Indented value through eDhaga- Rs. 130.56 crore.
- A total of 3844 transactions done through eDhaga

- In addition to placing indents and making payments through eDhaga App ,the weavers /societies also accessed the information such as the shipment status against their placed indents, item catalogue, payment details, supplier details and transporter details.

9. **Weavers' Mudra Scheme:** Under the Weaver Mudra Scheme, credit at concessional interest rate of 6% is being provided to the handloom weavers. Margin money assistance to a maximum of Rs. 10,000 per weaver and credit guarantee for a period of 3 years is also provided. During 2017-18, 35219 weavers have been sanctioned loan with sanctioned loan amount of Rs. 190.84 crore upto 28th February 2018. In sample study it was found that income enhanced by 50% after availing loan in 5-6 months.

10. **Hastkala Sahyog Shivirs:** In order to promote handloom and handicraft sectors and to make aware the handloom weavers about various schemes and benefits available for them in both the sectors, 394 Hastkala Sahyog Shivirs for handloom weavers and handicraft artisans were organised between 7-17th October, 2017 in various districts and handloom & handicraft concentrated pockets/clusters of the country. The total number of participants, including handloom weavers and handicraft artisans in these Shivirs has been 93,708. As many as 5 Union Minister of States & 7 State Ministers, 53 Member of Parliament and 102 MLAs/MLCs also graced the Shivirs at different places.

In view of good response of Hastkala Sahyog Shivirs organised during 7-17th October 2017, Shivirs were also organised from 19-24th February 2018 in various handloom pockets/clusters. The total number of participants, including handloom weavers has been 29,245. As many as 2 Union Ministers & 2 State Ministers, 20 Member of Parliament and 18 MLAs/MLCs graced the Shivirs at different places.

During the Shivirs various activities like disbursal of MUDRA loan, supply of looms and accessories to weavers, issue of Yarn Passbooks, enrolment of family members of weavers under IGNOU and NIOS, enrolment of weavers under Pradhan Mantri Jivan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) & Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), creating awareness on GST, GI, Bunkar Mitra helpline, handloom census, India Handloom Brand, handloom schemes, eDhaga App, were conducted.

7. HANDICRAFTS SECTOR

Initiatives in Handicraft Sector

1. New Handicrafts Mega Clusters

Four new Mega Clusters have been sanctioned during the year 2014-15 to the tune of Rs. 28.50 crores each at Bareilly, Lucknow, Katchh and J&K at a project cost of Rs.20.00 crores benefitting 80,000 number of artisans for setting up of Common Facility Centres, Skill Training, Marketing and Design and Product Development and direct assistance to the artisans.

2. Special projects:

Special projects have been sanctioned under Integrated Development and Promotion of Handicraft Projects for the promotion and development of handicrafts artisans in Jharkhand, Uttrakhand, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Varanasi, Bihar, Karnataka and Telangana to the State agencies at a project cost of Rs. 220.69 crore. These projects shall benefit 1,58,805 artisans.

3. “Pahchan” Initiative:

An initiative to register and provide Identity Cards to the Handicrafts Artisans for better access to the benefits of Ministry of Textiles launched on 7th October, 2016. Total number of 20.69 lakhs applications have been received so far and total no. 17.97 lakhs ID Cards have been printed upto March 2018. About 15.75 lakhs I.D. Cards have been distributed through the field offices of DC (Handicrafts).

4. Linking Textiles with Tourism

- I. Raghurajpur in Odisha has been taken up for overall development of the village located on NH-203 Bhubneshwar-puri-konark tourist circuit. Under this programme a project for setting up of Craft village at a project cost of Rs. 10.00 crores has been sanctioned to Odisha Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO) for Development of Common Facilities such as Craft Demonstration-cum-sale area, food court for local cuisine, roads, improved housing etc. for the artisans.

II. In Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh a project for setting up of craft village at Tirupati has been taken up for overall development at a project cost of Rs. 9.55 crores has been sanctioned to district Rural Development Agency (DRDA).

5. NIFT Cluster Initiative has been taken up by Ministry of Textiles to link handicrafts with fashion through National Institute of Fashion Technology(NIFTs) by revising the curriculum of undergraduate and post-graduate courses from academic session 2016-17. The project will be implemented over a period of five year in all NIFTs campuses. Under the project each NIFT will take up three new Cluster every year. The Student of NIFT concerned will visit the clusters, organize workshops/seminars, develop new designs/products and their dissemination, developing market linkages and suitable packaging etc. An amount of Rs. 22.35 crores have been sanctioned for a period of 5 year to NIFT during 2016-17.

6. MoUs have been signed with:

MoU with NSCFDC: An MoU has been signed between Ministry of Textiles, Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) and National Scheduled Caste Finance Development Corporation under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on 20th February 2017 with an objective of overall economic upliftment of Handicrafts artisans belonging to SC category in presence of Hon'ble Minister of Textiles. This will further help in taking up more projects for the benefit of SC artisans. NSCFDC have been sanctioned 9 clusters at a project cost of Rs.2,45,86,480/- benefitting 4500 SC artisans.

MoU with NIOS: A MoU has been signed between Ministry of Textiles through Ministry of Textiles, Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) and National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) for collaboration in the area of Education for handicraft artisans and their children through Open Schooling on

05.01.2017 and sanctioned training of 1500 artisans belonging to SC artisans and at a project cost of Rs. 51,97,500/- Rs. 28,09,250/- has been released so far.

- i. MoU has been signed with National Institute of Design (NID) to promote production and marketing of handicrafts in North Eastern States and Hilly states.
- ii. MoU has been signed with Punjab National Bank on 1st September 2017 for providing Interest subvention to Handicrafts artisans availing Mudra Loan. Out of Rs. 10.00 crores an amount of Rs.4.00 crores have been released in the month of March 2018.

7. Pushtaini:

Launched in May 2017 at Institute of Carpet Technology Bhadohi to impart technical and soft skill training to weavers from the traditional carpet weaving families sanctioned at a project cost of Rs. 80.00 lakhs to impart technical and soft skill training to enhance qualitative and quantitative production of the carpet/durry weavers from traditional carpet weaving families in the Mirzapur-Bhadohi area. Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT), Bhadohi is the implementing agency to train the artisan family's children of the age group of 16 to 25 years. In the first stage, 1000 carpet weavers trained in this scheme so far.

- 8. Handicraft Mark:** It is a trademark certification for Indian Handicraft products which will be symbolic to assure domestic and overseas consumers about the authenticity of the product and social & environmental requirements. It'll also provide the collective identity to Handicraft products for withstanding competition from machine-made products and help to sustain the demand and accelerate the growth potential in domestic & international markets. The O/o Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) has assigned the task to the Textile Committee, Mumbai to prepare a

proposal/action plan for Handicraft Mark implementation in association with EPCH & AIACA as knowledge partners. Four crafts have been identified and handicrafts mark is being developed for Blue pottery of Jaipur, wooden craft of Saharanpur and Pilakhua, Block Print and Stone carving as pilot project.

9. The Geographical Indications of Goods: The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act 1999 provides legal protection to Geographical Indications of goods etc. and prevents unauthorized use of these by others. Financial Assistance has been provided to various States/agencies for registration under GI. So far 92 Handicraft products have been registered under GI Act.

10. Handicrafts help Line

Handicrafts Helpline No 18002084800 (Toll Free) was launched on 5th May 2017 by Hon'ble Minister of Textiles. The services are available on 7 days a week from 10.00AM to 6.00 PM in 7 Languages viz Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Bangla, Assamese, Kannada and English. So far 10607 calls have been received and all the call has been redressed.

11. (I) Hastkala Sahyog Shivir

Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) organized 202 Hastkala Sahyog Shivir dedicated to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Garib Kalyan Varsh from 7th to 17th October, 2017. During this Shivir [camps] the following activities were undertaken all over the country:

- a) 46942 artisans participated in Sahyog Shivirs.
- b) 7188 enrolled under Mudra Loan and out of them 427 Mudra Loan sanctioned.
- c) 15578 enrolled under Pahchan and 16652 cards distributed.
- d) 3005 tool kits distributed.

- e) 82 applications received for National Institute of open Schooling (NIOS)' for Collaboration in the Area of Education for Handicraft Artisans and their children belonging to SC artisans.
- f) 701 applications received for IGNOU.
- g) 368 Marketing activities organized.



(II) Hastkala Sahyog Shivir

Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) organized 99 Hastkala Sahyog Shivir dedicated to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Garib Kalyan Varsh from 19th February, 2018 to 24th February, 2018. During these Shivir [camps] the following activities were undertaken all over the country:-

- a) 26246 artisans participated in Sahyog Shivirs.
- b) 3134 enrolled under Mudra Loan and out of them 387 Mudra Loan sanctioned amounting to Rs.158.60 Lakhs.
- c) 11309 enrolled for Pahchan cards and 10826 cards distributed.
- d) 2150 tool kits distributed.
- e) 263 applications received for National Institute of open Schooling (NIOS)' for Collaboration in the Area of Education for Handicraft Artisans and their children belonging to SC artisans.
- f) 459 applications received for IGNOU.

g) 327 Marketing activities organized.

(III) Hastkala Sahyog Shivar

Hastkala Sahyog Shivar was organized by the Office of the DC(Handicrafts) at Tawang (Arunachal Pradesh) on 17th March 2018, Shri Kiran Rijju, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, Government of India graced the occasion and distributed Pahchan I.D. Cards and improved tool kits to the Handicrafts artisans. A total of 103 handicrafts artisans participated during the camp.

Important Events

- I. On the occasion of International Women's day Ministry of Textiles organized a conference of women artisans/weavers at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 8th March, 2017 with the following initiatives :
 - ✓ A new category awards 'Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya National Award' specially for women handloom weavers and handicrafts artisans was announced.
 - ✓ Three Scheduled Caste Artisans Cluster Projects and two Scheduled Tribe Artisans Cluster Projects were taken up mainly for women beneficiaries in Madhubani Painting, Embroidery craft and Embroidery with mirror work craft.
 - ✓ Memorandums of Undertaking was signed on the occasion, between the Development Commissioner (Handlooms) and Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles and National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, with the main objective of increasing earnings of handloom weavers artisans and artisans belonging to backward classes, who work in the handloom and handicrafts sectors.

- II. On the occasion of birth centenary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Ministry of Textiles organized a conference of Scheduled caste artisans/weavers at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 14th April, 2017 with the following initiatives:

- ✓ Interaction with handicraft artisans in Bareilly Handicrafts Mega Cluster through video conferencing.
 - ✓ Distribution of improved tool kits to 5 handicraft artisans belonging to SC categories.
 - ✓ Distribution of Mudra Loan to 8 Handloom weavers/handicraft artisans belonging to SC categories.
 - ✓ Distribution of certificate to 5 Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS) trainees belonging to scheduled caste categories.
 - ✓ Memorandums of Understanding was signed on the occasion, between the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), and National Schedule Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSCFDC) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, with the main objective of increasing earnings of handloom weavers belonging to Scheduled Caste categories, who work in the handloom and sectors.
- III. Birth Centenary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was also celebrated at 61 No of field Offices of Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) by holding a camp with following objectives :
- ✓ Downloading of BHIM application on artisans mobile and educating them how to use it with the help of Bank officials.
 - ✓ Awareness about “India Handmade Bazaar” portal and registering at least 20 artisans on portal in each camp.
 - ✓ Distribution of ‘Pahchan’ ID Card.
- IV. A National level workshop on Promotion of Unique Textiles & Handicrafts for Geographical Indication and post Geographical Initiatives held on 5th and 6th May 2017 at Mavalankar Auditorium, Rafi Marg, New Delhi. Following initiatives were also taken up during the workshop:
- Releasing of Textile Committee Report on traditional hand woven.
 - Handing over Geographical Indication to three Registered proprietors.

- Launching of handicraft artisans helpline toll free No. 18002084800. The services are available on seven days a week from 10.00 A.M. to 6.00 P.M. in 7 languages.
- Five technical sessions held during the Workshop on following issues.
 1. Legal framework & registration process
 2. Promotion & Marketing of GI Registered products.
 3. Quality Assurance of GI marked products
 4. Raising awareness & strengthening enforcement
 5. Activation of producer groups to take benefit of GI registration.



- V. The Ministry of Textiles, has organized a Mega International event “Textiles India-2017” from 30th June to 2nd July, 2017 at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Hon’ble Prime Minister of India inaugurated the 3 days mega event. The main theme of the exhibition is to provide an excellent platform for B2B, B2G Interactions for investments and technological tie-ups across various segments in the Textiles Industry. This Mega International exhibition provided an opportunity to meet the value chain related to Textiles of India at a single platform. Five number of MOUs signed with global manufacturers during the exhibition.

8. POWERLOOM SECTOR:

The decentralized powerloom sector is one of the most important segments of the Textile Industry in terms of fabric production and employment generation. It provides employment to 44.18 lakh (approx.) persons and contributes around 57 % to total cloth production in the country. There are approximately 3.90 lakh Powerloom Units with 24.86 Lakh Powerlooms

PowerTex India: In order to provide an impetus to the growth & development of powerloom sector, after extensive consultation with stakeholders, a comprehensive, Pan India scheme for Powerloom Sector Development, PowerTex India, was launched w.e.f. 01.04.2017 under which various components are incorporated, for the period of three years from 2017-18 to 2019-2020 with an outlay of Rs. 487 crores. The component-wise details are as under:-

(i) In-situ Up-gradation of Plain Powerloom: For upgrading existing plain looms to semi-automatic/ automatic looms, to improve quality and productivity of the fabric being produced by way of fixing certain additional attachments/kits and to enable them to face the competition in domestic and international markets. Financial assistance is given as follows:-

Category	Percentage of subsidy	Maximum subsidy Amount per loom (in Rupees)		
		Plain powerloom to semiautomatic	Semi automatic loom to Shuttleless Rapier	Plain powerloom to Shuttleless Rapier
General	50 %	20,000	25,000	45,000/-
SC	75 %	30,000	37,500	67,500/-
ST	90 %	36,000	45,000	81,000/-

Impact:

- Overall quality of the fabric produced in the upgraded powerlooms improves by 20%.
- Productivity of the upgraded powerloom units increases by around 50% as more looms can be attended by a weaver/worker.
- Yarn and fabric wastage also decreases by around 5%.
- After conversion of a plain powerloom into Rapier loom, loom speed increases by around 35% and quality of fabric also improves.

So far, 2,06,241 plain powerlooms have been upgraded with a subsidy of Rs.203.12 crores. 80909 looms have been upgraded during 2017-18 (upto 05.03.2018).

(ii) Group Workshed Scheme (GWS) : Financial assistance of Rs.400 per sq.ft or 40% of total construction cost, whichever is less, is provided for construction of workshed. Enhanced benefits of 75 % for SC and 90 % for ST category on the cost of construction is provided.

So far 67 projects have been completed and Rs.88.19 Crores released as subsidy. So far, 328 projects have been approved, out of which, during the year 2017-18, 120 projects have been approved.

(iii) Corpus Fund for Yarn Bank: Government provides interest free corpus fund upto a maximum of **Rs. 200 lakh** per yarn bank to SPV / consortium provided SPV / consortium arrange their own fund to equal amount of the fund paid by the Government.

❖ Impact:

- Yarn purchased in bulk quantity, so that the raw material cost reduces.
- Higher profit margins for powerloom weavers
- Direct Yarn purchase from Mills/Depots/Authorized dealers thus avoiding middle men.
- Stoppage of looms reduces due to adequate availability of yarn.

So far 81 projects have been sanctioned and amount of Rs.20.53 Crores has been released. Out of which, during the current year, 48 Yarn Banks have been approved under the scheme.

(iv) Common Facility Center (CFC): Government provides maximum upto Rs.200 lakh subsidy per CFC to SPV (including construction of building and installation of TUFFS compatible machines).

❖ Impact:

- Availability of common facilities in the cluster reduces the cost of fabric production and improves working environment of powerloom weavers.
- Enable capacity building of powerloom weavers
- Facilitate diversification of products, Design development and compliance.

So far 20 projects have been sanctioned and an amount of Rs. 3.94 Crores has been released. Out of which, during the current year, 7 CFCs have been approved.

(v) Facilitation, IT, Awareness, Market Development and Publicity: This includes following components:-

A. Buyer Seller Meet (BSM): To provide a platform for powerloom weavers to market their products at cluster level, regional level, national and international level. So far 157 BSMs have been conducted and an amount of Rs.13.445 Crores have been released upto 05.03.2018.

B. Exposure Visits: For creating knowledge about higher technology prevalent in technologically developed powerloom clusters and producing diversified textile products or value added fabrics. So far 6436 Powerloom weavers have been taken on Exposure visit and an amount of Rs.2.065 Crores have been released upto 05.03.2018.

C. Seminar and Workshop: The powerloom sector is dominated by cluster-centric product profiles generally lacking in awareness about the latest products, Government schemes, latest trends in Market, Design, etc. In order to create awareness about the

schemes and disseminate information about technology, products etc. among the powerloom weavers/workers, Seminar/ Workshops are organized by the Regional Offices and Powerloom Service Centres of the Office of Textile Commissioner as well as other organizations setup for the development of powerlooms sector. So far 650 Seminar/Workshops have been conducted and an amount of Rs.1.838 Crores have been released upto 05.03.2018.

D. IT portal: A dedicated software application for implementing various components of PowerTex India Scheme with Mobile App facility for the benefit of Powerloom weavers has been developed and launched. So far Rs.76.50 lakh have been released to M/s. Silver Touch Technologies towards 1st instalment for developing online portal for PowerTex India.

(vi) Pradhan Mantri Credit Scheme for Powerloom Weavers: To provide adequate and timely financial assistance to the powerloom weavers to meet their credit requirements, for investment needs (Term Loan) as well as for working capital, in a flexible and cost effective manner.

❖ PMMY-Financial Benefits:

- Margin Money Subsidy @ 20% of project cost with a ceiling of Rs.1 lakh.
- Interest subvention@ 6% per year both for working capital and term loans upto Rs.10 lakh for maximum period of 5 years

❖ STAND UP INDIA-Financial Benefits (only for SC/ST & Women entrepreneurs):

- 25% Margin Money Subsidy up to a project cost of Rs.1.00 crore with a ceiling of Rs.25.00 lakh, the borrower is required to bring in 10% of the Project Cost as his/her own contribution.

❖ Impact:

- Fulfil the working capital requirements of small powerloom weavers
- Facilitate upgradation of existing powerlooms.

(vii) Solar Energy scheme for Powerlooms: To provide financial assistance/capital subsidy for installation of On Grid Solar Photo Voltaic Plant (without Battery backup) and Off Grid Solar Photo Voltaic Plant (with Battery Back-up) by small powerloom units to attain sustainable development goals of Government and to give thrust to renewable energy.

(viii) Grant-In-Aid (Recurring & Modernisation/Upgradation): In order to address these problems, Powerloom Service Centres (PSCs) are set up in all the major powerloom clusters. As of now, there are 47 PSCs working in different locations to support the decentralized powerloom sector across the country.

So far an amount of Rs.55.563 Crores have been released (Rs.7.783 crores against modernization of powerloom service centre and Rs.47.78 crores against recurring Grants in Aid) upto 05.03.2018.

(ix) Tex-Venture Capital Fund: This is a component for equity support to powerloom units. Max. 50% of the equity with a ceiling of Rs.3.00 crores is invested by SIDBI Venture Capital Fund Limited (SVCL). So far 6 projects have been sanctioned and an amount of Rs.4.84 Crores has been disbursed to three companies by SVCL.

9. SILK SECTOR:

DEVELOPMENT OF SILK INDUSTRY

Central Silk Board (CSB) through "Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry (ISDSI)" under Central Sector Scheme(CSS) extend critical support to the farmers and reelers for improving quality Cocoon production and quality of silk produced in the country. CSB also extends Training, capacity building, technical guidance and input support to the farmers, reelers and weavers, other stakeholders to ensure quality in the silk value chain.

- CSB has successfully increased the production of raw silk to 30,348 MT by the end of XII Plan (2016-17) from 23,060 MT at the end of XI Plan (2011-12) registering 32% growth.
- Import substitute bivoltine silk has achieved a record production of 5,266 MT by 2016-17 registering 212% growth over XI Plan achievement of 1,685 MT. But it is not adequate to meet the total domestic demand. The imports have reduced from 5,685 MT during 2011-12 to 3795 MT in 2016-17. The scheme impacted benefit to 12.20 lakh families directly employed in sericulture sector starting from seed production to quality cocoon production. A total of 85.10 lakhs employment generated across the country in the silk value chain (pre-cocoon, post cocoon and fabrics) which includes 12.20 lakh families directly benefitted through sericulture. The Scheme-wise details of physical targets & achievements during 2014-15 to 2017-18 are enclosed as **Annexure I & II**

Key Achievement:

- **Infrastructure Development** : A state of the art cold storage unit capable of storing 1.3 crore layings has been established in Mysore. This was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles on 9th February 2015.
- **Make in India:** 35 imported Automatic Reeling Units have been established to produce quality silk yarn. Indigenous Automatic Reeling Unit has been developed to produce international quality silk which is ready for commercialization. The

indigenous machine has been launched by the Hon'ble Minister of Textiles on 20th December 2016 at Bangalore.

- **Improved machine for Vanya silk reeling:** The Central Silk Board is popularizing 9 improved reeling and spinning machines suitable for Vanya silk reeling to replace traditional primitive reeling practices. One such machine is Buniyaad Silk Reeling machine which is being popularized to replace thigh reeling. This machine was launched on 08-03-2017 at 5 places (New Delhi, Bhagalpur, Champa, Keojhar and Nagpur) on the occasion of International Women's Day.
- **Skill Enhancement: A state of the art Centre of Excellence for training** has been established at Bangalore with class room and laboratory facilities for practical training. This was inaugurated by the the Hon'ble Minister of Textiles on 20th December 2016 at Bangalore

I.T. Initiatives:

- ❖ **M Kisan:** CSB has widened the outreach of scientists and experts to disseminate information to provide scientific advisories to farmers through their mobile phones using M Kisan Web Portal on regular intervals by all major institutes of CSB.
- ❖ **'SMS service'** has been started through mobile phone on day-to-day market rates of Silk and Cocoons for the use by the farmers and other stakeholders of the industry. Both PUSH and PULL SMS services are in operation. All the registered **5490** stake holders are receiving SMS messages on daily basis.
- ❖ **SILKS Portal:** Sericulture Information Linkages and Knowledge System portal has been developed in association with North Eastern Space Application Centre, Deptt. of Space by capturing geographical images through satellite and used for analysts and

selection of potential areas for promoting sericulture activities in those areas. Multi lingual, multi district data is being updated regularly.

- ❖ **Development of Mobile App** : Initiated process to create mobile application to reach a large number of mobile users with sericulture details in friendly and useful manner.
- ❖ **SERI-5K** database has been designed and developed to maintain and manage Bi-voltine cluster farmers throughout the country.
- ❖ **GeM Portal** : Successfully using Government e market place for procuring materials online, which is fully transparent and efficient.
- ❖ **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** :- "Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry" has been notified for use of Aadhaar under Section 7 of Aadhaar Act, 2016 for Direct Benefit Transfer. All the State Sericulture Departments and CSB nested units are strictly following DBT guidelines. An exclusive DBT Cell has been created at CSB HQ for effective implementation of DBT. Beneficiary details in the DBT portal are being updated regularly.
- ❖ **Digitization of Payments** :- Action taken for implementation of digital transactions by setting up of, Payment Gateway Service Provider such as Pay Gov. or others for receiving payments electronically like Debit /Credit Card, IMPS, PPI, BHIM,UPI, PoS, M PoS, NIFT,RTGS, m Wallets etc., to ensure effective implementation of cashless transactions in CSB and its subordinate units from 1st April 2018.

Policies

- **Anti Dumping Duty on Raw silk:** In order to safeguard the interests of the domestic silk industry against the cheap imports, the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties (DGAD) vide Notification No.14/17/2014/DGAD dated 4-12-2015 imposed a fixed duty of US\$ 1.85 per kg on the landed cost of imported raw silk, which will be in force till Dec,2020.
- **Anti Dumping Duty on Silk Fabrics:** An anti-dumping duty on Chinese silk fabrics with weight ranging from 20-100 gm/meter indicating a reference price of US\$ 2.08 - 7.59 / Mtr was in force till December, 2016.

State-wise information on the schemes implemented by the Ministry of Textiles

(State-wise, Scheme-wise release of funds, Number of persons impacted by sericulture during 2014-15 to 2017-18)

#	State	Total Funds released 2014-15 to 2017-18 under			Total funds released under ISDSI, NERTPS and ISDS	No. of persons impacted by Sericulture	Employment generated (Lakh Persons)
		ISDSI & CDP	NERTPS	Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS)			
1	Andhra Pradesh	4706.81		31.05	4737.86	16700	10.07
2	Bihar	1163.56		24.17	1187.73	4879	0.29
3	Chhattisgarh	4041.64		29.28	4070.92	12319	1.67
4	Haryana	38.21			38.21	150	0.00
5	Himachal Pradesh	2518.79		15.59	2534.38	10458	0.05
6	Jammu & Kashmir	4186.40		20.11	4206.51	52849	0.24
7	Jharkhand	5598.93		60.47	5659.40	18345	12.36
8	Karnataka	16127.46		193.27	16320.73	64396	17.46
9	Kerala	631.62			631.62	719	0.02
10	Madhya Pradesh	2485.22		4.85	2490.07	5119	0.26
11	Maharashtra	1991.30		6.35	1997.65	12610	0.51
12	Odisha	2742.67		35.18	2777.85	4274	0.58
13	Punjab	178.26		1.31	179.57	625	0.00
14	Tamil Nadu	5892.20		9.76	5901.96	20190	3.58

15	Telangana	2044.11			2044.11	10909	0.22
16	Uttar Pradesh	1755.08		18.21	1773.29	3307	1.89
17	Uttarakhand	4201.78		9.11	4210.89	19672	0.07
18	West Bengal	4750.98		33.02	4784.00	6688	4.78
19	Assam	7834.22	62.44	36.29	7932.95	9464	19.99
20	BTC	811.11	88.16		899.27	5886	
21	Arunachal Pradesh	379.54	42.39		421.93	2543	0.23
22	Manipur	991.40	128.05	10.29	1129.74	7854	2.21
23	Meghalaya	1356.84	44.05	6.09	1406.98	3729	0.16
24	Mizoram	627.70	59.22	2.62	689.54	3683	4.76
25	Nagaland	966.13	62.53	0.46	1029.12	5522	3.54
26	Sikkim	25.46	15.00		40.46	655	0.03
27	Tripura	710.56	57.39	2.23	770.18	7026	0.12
28	Delhi	314.00	0.00		314.00		
29	Gujarat	4.88	0.00		4.88		
30	Rajasthan	42.80	0.00		42.80		
	Total	79119.66	559.22	549.71	80228.59	310571	85.10

10. COTTON SECTOR

i) Success stories on MSP interventions during last four years

- Minimum Support Price (MSP) Operations is a sovereign function of Government of India to protect the interest of cotton farmers all across the country. The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), being Nodal Agency of Govt. of India undertakes MSP operations when prices of FAQ grade kapas fall below the MSP level and procure entire quantity of FAQ grade kapas offered by the cotton farmers in various Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) yards and other notified areas at MSP rates.
- During cotton season 2014-15, visualizing the possibility of mega MSP operation due to higher production, CCI strategically operated 341 cotton procurement centres in all the major cotton growing States in such a way to cover almost 75% to 80% of kapas arrivals including remote centres. With dedicated procurement centres, the Corporation had procured 86.94 lakh bales (i.e. 451 lakh quintals kapas) valuing Rs. 18114 Crores which is ever highest value of procurement in the history of CCI since its inception. Besides this, 5.61 lakh bales valuing Rs. 1100 crores was also procured under MSP by its sub-agent Maharashtra state Coop. Cotton Growers Marketing federations (MSCCGMFL).
- State-wise Procurement under MSP by CCI and number of beneficiaries covered during last 4 years are as under:-

State	2014-15	2015-16	2017-18*	
	Procurement under MSP in	Procurement under MSP in	Procurement under MSP in	No. of Farmers**

	bales	bales	bales	
Punjab	1,27,722	-	-	-
Haryana	79,903	-	-	-
Rajasthan	87,870	-	-	-
Gujarat	6,66,457	51,501	89,632	20,898
Maharashtra	17,63,192	1,16,799	14,647	3,397
MP	2,81,875	29,104	7,797	2,765
Telangana	36,90,948	5,95,159	2,63,491	56,855
AP	17,55,559	39,967	6,497	2,160
Karnataka	1,39,280	-	297	69
Orissa	1,02,987	11,633	1,991	368
West Bengal	266	368	280	390
Total	86,96,059	8,44,531	3,84,632	86,902

*Position upto 31st March 2018

** The actual number of cotton farmers benefitted under MSP operation is available only from current cotton season 2017-18. In case of previous years, number of transactions are available.

➤ **INITIATIVES BY CCI FOR MSP OPERATIONS IN SMOOTH AND TRANSPARENT MANNER:**

- Display of MSP rate & quality parameters in each and every market yards for farmers' knowledge.
- Adherence of using moisture meter in case of rejection of kapas having excessive moisture over 12%.
- 100% payment to cotton farmers through RTGS only.
- Developed an online Grievance Redressal Mechanism inbuilt in its website. Farmers may lodge their grievance and get redressal if any on instant basis.

- Continuous monitoring of MSP procurement through Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System.
- Sale of Seed cotton & lint cotton through e-Auction.

11. JUTE SECTOR

Achievement & key initiatives

I. Initiatives

- **JPM Act, 1987**:-JPM Act, 1987 has been enacted for the protection of Jute Industry. It envisages reservation of jute bags in packaging of food grains and sugar. The current level of reservations for packaging of food grains and sugar in jute bags are 90% and 20% respectively. During 2017-18 state procurement agencies have placed orders amounting to 27.15 lakh bales of jute bags.
- **Raw Jute procurement of JCI**:- Jute Corporation of India (JCI), a schedule C company formed in 1971 has been instituted for procurement of raw jute at MSP to protect the interests of jute farmers by ensuring that the raw jute prices don't go below a stipulated level. During 2017-18, jute year, JCI has purchased 3.33 lakh bales of raw jute under MSP operations.
- **Anti Dumping Duty on import of jute products**:- The provision of anti dumping duty has been made on the jute products mainly jute sacking imported from Bangladesh and Nepal as their products are cheaper than their Indian counterparts which can seriously harm the Indian Jute Industry. In pursuance of the same, a notification dated 5th January, 2017 was issued by Ministry of Finance to this effect. This has resulted in opening up domestic market for jute industry to the tune of 2 lakh metric tonnes.

II. **Recent innovations in Jute Diversification:**

- **Design Development Project** with National Institute of Design, Gandhinagar, Gujarat - NID developed bags with smoking techniques,

collapsible jute bags, Fashion bags, Tote Bags, Foldable hand bags (Natural & Dyed), have been awarded India Design Mark (I- Mark 2017) – Tokyo.

- **PACKTECH- Food grade jute cloth & bags** – by using Rice Bran Oil (RBO) technology replacing Jute Batching Oil (JBO), a petroleum product for packaging Cocoa beans, Coffee beans, Shelled nuts, etc. The food grade quality cloth 0 bags are in complete compliance with International Jute Organisation standard 98/01 and do not exhibit toxicity.
- **GEOTECH- Jute Geotextiles** – An eco-compatible solution to crucial geotechnical problems such as Soil erosion, Consolidation of Soft Soil, Construction of Rural Roads and for agro-textile applications. A scheme for promoting usage of Geotechnical Textiles in North Eastern Region is introduced with a financial outlay of Rs. 427 crores.
- **MOBILE TECH-** Moulded products for door panels and automotive components.
- **PAPER AND PAPER PULP-** A large variety of handmade papers for multiple applications.

III. Some R&D Initiatives and Commercialization:

- **Low cost jute absorbent pulp for jute based low cost Sanitary napkin.** Automation in development of napkin manufacturing process and commercialization of jute based Sanitary Napkins through PSU and other Govt. Bodies. The product so developed has been medically certified as hygienic by Indian Council for Medical Research. For up-scaling the production technology transfer has been done by IJIRA to M/s. Intech Safety Pvt. Ltd. A memorandum of agreement is made on 18th March, 2016 between NJB and IJIRA. Incorporating proposed activity, deliverables, timeline, etc.
- **Support given by MoT:** A total of 23 proposals in R&D with an outlay of Rs. 17.76 crores including MoT's contribution of Rs. 12.64 crores have been approved and a fund of Rs. 5.52 crores has already been disbursed by

MoT. The projects are implemented by reputed organisations/institutes like IJIRA, Dept. of Jute and Fibre Technology (University of Calcutta), PSG College of Technology (Tamil Nadu), IIES&T (Shibpur), NIRJAFT, SASMIRA etc.

- **Activated Charcoal / Carbon from Jute Stick** – the study has been completed by National Physical Laboratory – CSIR, New Delhi. An agreement has been entered into between NJB and National Physical Laboratory on 10th April, 2017 to pursue execution of the project so as to ensure its completion within stipulated time period.

IV. Achievements:

1. Improved Cultivation & Retting Exercise (Jute- I Care)

The programme - Jute I Care, implemented in 2015 involving 103,000 farmers in 70,328 hectares of land achieved:

- Production improvement of Jute by 5 % from current production
- Quality improvement of Jute by at least 1 grade.
- Reduction in Retting period, thereby reducing and savings in Labour requirement.
- Cost reduction in cultivation by Rs.8,000 to 10,000 per Hectare.
- Increase in Farmers income by approx. Rs.10,000/- per Hectare.
- In 2017, the coverage has expanded to cover 70,600 hectares and 1.02 lakh farmers.

2. Progress in application of jute geotextiles:

- 118 rural roads (approx. 900 K.Ms) under PMGSY in West Bengal has been sanctioned during 2017-18
- 36 flood embankments in West Bengal have been constructed during 2017-18
- 9 roads in UP (43 K.Ms) are under constructions

- 2 river embankments in Bihar are under constructions
 - 1 road in Tamil Nadu (2.8 K.Ms) under PMGSY has been sanctioned in during 2017-18.
 - During 2017-18 Indian Railway used about 46 lakh sq. mtrs. of JGT has strengthening embankment.
3. Growing preference for using jute shopping / carry bags in urban areas keeping in view the restrictions imposed by local administration authorities.

4. Exports :

a) Exports of Jute Goods reveals increasing trend :

- 2014-15 : 1814 Crores
 - 2016-17 : 2074 Crores
- (increased by 14 %)

b) Export of Jute diversified products (JDP) reveals increasing trend

- 2014-15 : Rs.508 Crores
 - 2016-17 : Rs.591 Crores
- (increased by 16 %)

12. WOOL SECTOR :

- The Ministry of Textiles has launched Pashmina Promotion Programme (P-3) for implementation in Ladakh region as per announcement of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi in his visit to Leh (on 12th August,2014). The Ministry has implemented the programmes as a special package for promotion of Pashmina and welfare of Nomads rearing pashmina goats with the help of Divisional Commissioner, Leh and Kargil districts of Ladakh region of J. & K. State.
- Under this Programme (P-3), the Ministry of Textiles released grant of Rs. 13.61 crore under different components like Creation of Common Pashmina Facilitation Centre for wool testing, Disease Surveillance Centre, Geographic Information System (GIS) Lab, 100 Shelters for Nomads, distribution of portable Electric Units for Handloom Spinning/Weaving, 5 Solarised Community Centres, development of Fodder grounds for grazing of Pashmina goats, Distribution for Foundation Stock (male & female goats) to farmers and construction of Shelter for Housing of Pashmina animals. This programme has been started from 2015 with the help of Dy. Commissioner of Leh and Kargil districts.
- Pashmina Wool Development Scheme (PWDS) was implemented in Leh and Kargil districts under Wool Sector schemes through the Central Wool Development Board. Under PWDS CWDB released total grant of Rs. 25.83 crore in Ladakh region and distributed 459 high quality Pashmina bucks for breed improvement and established 39 mini pashmina farms (50 pashmina goats each) as foundation stock in non-traditional areas for expansion of pashmina rearing in new areas; provided training to wool growers/nomads; distributed feed supplement to 40,000 eligible pashmina goats annually; established 420 Pashmina goat pens to provide uncovered housing for goats; provided 775 portable tents, gumboots, goggles, etc., to poor nomads; health care (medicines), was provided to 2 lakhs pashmina goats annually; Strengthened 3 Breeding Farms & 3 Fodder Banks/Farms; and established 3 Pasture Farms on migratory routes. This

programme has been implemented with the help of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh and Kargil districts.

- On 17th June, 2016, the Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles (Independent Charge) dedicated five Solarised Community Centre and 100 Shelters for the benefit of the nomads for rearing of pashmina goats in very hard conditions.

As per announcement of Hon'ble Prime Minister for Jammu & Kashmir State on 7th November, 2015, a major programme has been under taken under Wool Sector scheme namely 'Reconstruction Plan for Jammu & Kashmir State' with a financial provision of Rs. 50 crore for implementation during FY 2017-18 to 2019-20. The project envisages the overall development of the Pashmina craft by means of vertical integration of the entire supply chain from production to marketing. During FY 2017-18, a total of Rs. 7.49 crore has been released under 'Reconstruction Plan for Jammu & Kashmir State' for promotion of pashmina sector to Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh and Kargil and Craft Development Institute, Srinagar.

13. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY (NIFT)

1. NIFT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2018

- The NIFT International Conference based on the theme '**Rediscovering Culture: Transforming Fashion**' was held in New Delhi from 31st January to 2nd February 2018 as a milestone in its thirty year journey. The conference provided an interdisciplinary platform for trans-global narratives on fashion, culture, textiles, crafts and sustainability. Wide-ranging discourses on academic research experiences as well as transformative practices by the fashion industry were attended by the academia, research scholars, and fashion and textile industry practitioners, professionals from public and private sectors, and crafts enthusiasts.

2. USTTAD – Joint initiative of NIFT and Ministry of Minority Affairs

NIFT being the knowledge partner to Ministry of Minority Affairs for the USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development) project has been working towards the progress of this scheme. NIFT's professional capabilities in the areas of design, marketing, technology and management have been involved to synergize all activities related to the USTTAD project by the Ministry of Minority Affairs. It has identified crafts predominantly being practiced by minority communities and working towards augmenting their traditional arts and entrepreneurial skills that are the backbone of cottage and small-scale industries and establish better market linkages, enhance branding and ensure access of credit.

Current Status of the Project

An Expert has been engaged for final editing and compilation of the project who had successfully worked with NIFT in past for editing the book "Prayas"; documentation of

success stories of Craftsmen has been compiled for office of Development Commissioner, which was unveiled by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

On an average two training workshops were held for duration of 15 days in each of the clusters aiming at design intervention and product diversification and involving NIFT alumni/ designers with various levels of experience. These Product Development and Design Workshops generated a product range of 25-30 products developed at each cluster with alumni/ designer visiting the cluster. The main objectives of these workshops were; Conservation and recovery of the artisan tradition. Strengthen the identity of the craft products.

3. CRAFT CLUSTER INITIATIVE

On the occasion of the 2nd National Handloom Day, NIFT signed MoU with DC (Handlooms) for the Cluster Initiative, in the presence of the honorable Minister of Textiles, Smt. Smriti Z. Irani. It is envisaged that the craft exposure will help the students to become 'Young Change Agents' and utilize the skills of the handloom and handicraft sectors for developing niche contemporary products.

Under this initiative, various campuses of NIFT have adopted local clusters of handloom & handicraft and carry out activities involving product development, design intervention, knowledge sharing and capacity building for the next five years starting July 2016.

Under the initiative 7000 students of NIFT have been sensitized to the grass root level in various craft clusters all across India through various activities. Approximately 1200 artisans and weavers have been involved with the students for these activities from the identified craft clusters.

OTHER CONSULTANCY PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY NIFT

NIFT undertakes consultancy projects with various Government and Non Government Organisations. These Projects provide exposure to faculty and experiential learning to

S. No	Name of the Scheme	Funds sanctioned (Rs. in crore)	Funds released since 2014-15 (Rs. in crore)	No. of beneficiaries covered	Impact of the scheme/remarks
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students. They benefit various stakeholders by upgrading technical skills and add design value. Details of some major consultancy projects having value more than Rs. 50 lakhs being undertaken by NIFT, are given below:

- National Sizing Survey of India project Research and Development Scheme of Ministry of Textiles to develop size chart based on body measurements of Indian population for better fitting of ready to wear garments. The project value is Rs. 31 Crores and NIFT has received Rs. 3 Crores as first instalment of fund for implementation.
- Development of e-content for Fashion Design and Technology subjects - Phase II for 17 subjects under The National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) scheme of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India. The project value is Rs. 1.16 Crores and NIFT has received Rs. 1.16 Crores for implementation.

14. RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT (R&D)/ TECHNICAL TEXTILE

FINANCIAL & PHYSICAL ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER VARIOUS SCHEMES OF R&D DIVISION DURING LAST 4 YEARS

		Year	Amount	Year	Amount		
1.	Scheme for Promoting Usage of Geotechnical Textiles in NER	2014-15	4.00	2014-15	4.00	A total of 54 projects with a cost of over Rs.100.00 crore have been sanctioned under the Scheme. Details at Annexure I.	Better infrastructure development
		2015-16	15.00	2015-16	3.63		
		2016-17	19.99	2016-17	17.24		
		2017-18	19.82	2017-18	19.82		
		Total	58.81		44.69		
2.	Scheme for Promoting Usage of Agrotextiles in NER	2014-15	9.00	2014-15	9.00	a) A total of 3841 farmers have been trained under the Scheme. b) 840 agrotextile kits have been distributed to farmers. Details at Annexure II.	Increased agriculture production
		2015-16	10.00	2015-16	10.00		
		2016-17	14.99	2016-17	14.99		
		2017-18	9.99	2017-18	7.70		
		Total	43.98		41.69		
3.	Scheme for Research and	2014-15	12	2014-15	1.41	99 projects under the scheme were	Development and better/quality

	Development for the Textiles Industry including Jute	2015-16	39.95	2015-16	13.83	supported by MoT	textile product
		2016-17	15	2016-17	15		
		2017-18	10	2017-18	9.44		
		Total	76.95		39.68		
4.	Technology Mission on Technical Textiles	2014-15	32.00	2014-15	30.71	8 Centre of Excellences and 11 Focus Incubation Centres were sanctioned. 10 Agro-Demo centres set up in 6 States	Development of better infrastructure for use by Textile Industry/Entrepreneurs.
		2015-16	25.00	2015-16	18.85		
		2016-17	30.80	2016-17	30.80		
		2017-18	0.00	2017-18	0.00		
		Total	87.80		80.36		

Note : The above schemes are not meant for individual beneficiary except the Scheme for Promoting Agro Textiles in NER.

Annexure I

Scheme for Promoting Usage of Geotechnical Textiles in NER

Rs. in Crores

S. No.	State	Road Projects	Water Reservoirs	Slope Stabilization	Total

		No.	Cost	No.	Cost	No.	Cost	No.	Cost
1.	Manipur	18	21.46	11	1.98	10	4.77	39	28.21
2.	Tripura	1	0.21	2	1.45	-	-	3	1.66
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-			1	0.978	1	0.97
4.	Meghalaya	2	6.86	-	-	6	0.99	8	7.85
5.	Mizoram	3	66.02					3	66.02
	Total	24	94.55	13	3.43	17	6.73	54	104.71

Annexure II

Scheme for Promoting Usage of Agrotextiles Textiles in NER

So far, a total of 44 Demonstration centres have been sanctioned and 840 Agro-kits have been distributed as per table below:-

Name of the State	Agrotextile Demo Centres sanctioned	Completed	Training target	Training completed	Agro-kits distributed
Manipur	4	4	200	386	172
Mizoram	7	7	200	325	71
Assam	4	4	200	798	216
Meghalaya	6	6	300	899	117
Arunachal Pradesh	6	6	250	484	77
Tripura	5	5	200	207	Nil
Sikkim	7	7	200	298	30
Nagaland	5	5	200	444	157
Total	44	44	1750	3841	840