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Dear Friends,

During the first fortnight of May, the Council participated in the Techtexsil Fair held in Frankfurt, met the Hon'ble Minister of Textiles and Commerce on the need to continue with the incentives in the post- GST era, sorted out issues relating to the mega textile show being held in Gandhinagar and keenly followed up on the GST rates which in the case of the Textile Sector (Chapters 50-63) will be announced on June 3, 2017.

Export data for the month of April 2017 was also published which saw overall exports (all commodities) increase by almost 20% compared to the same period last year.

**Participation in Techtexsil, Frankfurt**

I am glad to inform you that TEXPROCIL is playing a significant role in promoting exports of technical textiles from India. The Council had participated in Techtexsil 2017 held recently in Frankfurt, Germany from May 9-12, 2017. Techtexsil, Frankfurt is a well-known and established trade fair for technical textiles products held once in two years. The Council's stall, where samples of technical textiles products were displayed, received encouraging response from a large number of buyers both from Germany and other countries. It is observed that there is good demand for flame retardant fabrics, workweares and speciality yarns. The Council is planning to mobilize group participation in the next edition of Techtexsil in Frankfurt.

**Meeting with the Hon'ble Minister of Textiles**

A joint delegation comprising representatives of AEPC, Texprocil, CII met the Hon'ble Minister of textiles on May 9, 2017 and impressed upon her the need to continue the rebates under the Duty Drawback Scheme and ROSL Scheme for Made ups as even after the GST is implemented from July 1, 2017 there were many levies which would remain un-rebated thereby adding to cost of exports and eroding competitiveness.

The Hon'ble Minister of textiles agreed to consider the issues and take it up with the Ministry of Finance.

We also requested her to extend the ROSL Scheme to Fabrics & Yarns as un-rebated levies under GST would affect the entire textile value chain.

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

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### Meeting with the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce

We also met the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce on May 9, 2017 and requested her to consider our proposals on the Foreign Trade Policy favourably. The Hon'ble Minister agreed to consider the various issues.

### Preparations for the Textile India Show in Gandhinagar

Friends, we are now entering the final phase of preparations for the Textile India 2017 show which is being held at Gandhinagar from 30th June to 2nd July, 2017. We have received a very encouraging response from the member exporters of our Council and the total area booked by the Council at the Show is almost 1700 sq.mt.

We have also received a good response from overseas buyers including a delegation from China that is expected to visit the Show. Texprocil will have its own theme pavilion in addition to pavilions designed by National Textile Corporation (NTC), Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) and Cotton Association of India (CAI). The entire cotton sector hall will be on display in Hall 8 of the venue and this hall will also be shared by PDEXCIL member exporters.

I take this opportunity to encourage those who are not participating as exhibitors to visit the Fair by registering themselves online at [www.textilesindia2017.com](http://www.textilesindia2017.com) and I look forward to personally seeing and meeting you there.

### GST Rates

The GST rates were eagerly awaited as they were expected to be finalised

at the meeting of the GST Council held in Srinagar on 18-19 May 2017. The rates for most of the products have been finalised and announced. The rates for textiles products are expected to be announced on June 3, 2017. The industry and trade is eagerly awaiting the announcement of the GST rates.

In the meanwhile, the GST Council has decided to provide 90% of duty refunds within a week of acknowledging an exporter's application which will be done in just three days compared with 15 days for many others. So in a short span of 10 days of applying for duty refunds, exporters will get back 90% of the amount. This facility will come as a huge relief to the exporting community as it will ease the cash flow requirements and not block capital of the exporters.

### Export Data for April 2017

The export data for April 2017 was also released during the fortnight. The data shows that overall exports (all commodities) increased by 20% over the last year same time.

In the case of Garments exports increased by 32%, while Man-made fibres by 15%. In the case of Cotton Textiles (Yarns, Fabrics, Made ups), exports have declined by (-) 1.80%.

The export trend in the month of April shows that rupee appreciation seems to have a marginal impact. The Commerce Minister has been quite emphatic that the value of the rupee is market driven and any undue fluctuations in the movement of the domestic currency is best managed by the RBI.

Well friends, while the sharp fluctuations in the domestic currency are a matter of deep concern very often derailing our carefully worked out pricing, we seem to have no option but to accept the "new normal" in currency behaviour and hope that things settle down in a more predictable manner.

### Campaign on COOL COTTON on SOCIAL MEDIA

Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles Ms Smriti Irani has started a new social media campaign called #CottonIsCool to promote the cotton sector. Texprocil has extended its support to this campaign on its social platforms like Facebook @CottonTextilesIndia and twitter handle @TexprocilIndia.

#CottonIsCool is currently trending on Twitter and has since collected over 8,500 'likes' and more than 1,700 retweets. Joining the #CottonIsCool campaign is as easy as posting a selfie. The rules include posting a photo of a person wearing cotton with #CottonIsCool on twitter. The photo has to be shared by tagging 5 people challenging them to do the same.

The Council requests all its members to show support by joining the campaign and popularising it amongst all their known social media contacts by retweeting with the words #CottonIsCool and @TexprocilIndia included in the message.

**Ujwal R Lahoti**  
Chairman

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**COVER STORY**

**TEXPROCIL @ Techtexsil 2017  
Frankfurt, Germany**



A large number of buyers both from Germany and other Countries including US, Russia, Brazil, China etc. had visited the Council's booth.

The Council had participated in Techtexsil 2017 held in Frankfurt, Germany from May 9-12, 2017. Techtexsil, Frankfurt is a leading international trade fair for technical textiles and nonwovens showing the full range of potential uses of textile technologies.

**About Techtexsil**

The event takes place once in two years and is held in parallel with

Texprocess - the leading international trade fair for processing textile and flexible materials. At the fair a lively exchange takes place between the industry, start-ups, research and science institutes. The event brings together exhibitors & buyers of a comprehensive range of Technical Textiles & Non-Woven, covering 12 major application areas (Agrotech, Homotech, Oekotech, Buldtech, Indutech, Packtech, Clothtech, Medtech, Protech, Geotech, Mobiltech and Sporttech).

- Young innovative companies
- Nonwovens
- Nonwovens Living in Space
- Nonwovens European Digital Textile Conference by WTiN
- Nonwovens Digital Textile Micro Factory

**Product groups**

The Techtexsil product groups represent the entire spectrum of technical textiles and nonwovens including the following major .

- Research, Development, planning, consulting
- Technology, processes, accessories
- Fibres and yarns
- Woven fabrics, laid webs, braidings, knitted fabrics
- Nonwovens
- Coated textiles
- Composites
- Bondtec
- Functional Apparel Textiles
- Associations
- Publishers

**Techtextil Events**

The comprehensive fringe programme of events gave a concentrated overview of the latest developments in Technical Textiles sector. The events included the following:

- Innovative Apparel Show
- Techtexsil Symposium
- Student Competition
- Jobwall
- Innovation Award



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**COVER STORY**  
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**TEXPROCIL @ Techtexsil 2017**  
**Frankfurt, Germany**

**Visitor Profile**

On all four days, the situation was similar at Techtexsil where international trade visitors jammed the exhibition halls looking for high tech textiles for use in applications such as folding textile headlights, smart knee bandages, warming or cooling fashions, not to mention garments with integrated LEDs, fire-resistant fibres, bicycle frames made of carbon and textile membranes for stadium roofs.

After Germany, the three main visitor nations at Techtexsil were Italy, France and Turkey. At Texprocess, they were Italy, Romania and Portugal. Particularly striking this year: very many young professionals attended the fairs – another indication of the positive and dynamic mood in the textile sector, which is clearly on course for growth.

**TEXPROCIL - Information Booth**

The Council had a booth of 12 sq.mtrs which served as an information centre. Also samples of technical textiles products were displayed at the Council's booth . A large number of buyers both from Germany and other Countries including US, Russia, Brazil, China etc. had visited the Council's booth. The enquiries for technical textiles products received at the Council's booth will be disseminated to all its members.

**Technical Textiles - The future of textiles!**

Technical textiles forms an important part of textiles globally and domestically. In fact, many believes that the future of the textile industry in the next few decades will be determined by its performance in the area of technical textiles.

A study commissioned by the European Commission has estimated that the total value of the global market for technical textiles to be around US\$ 147 billion. Further, the market for technical textiles has grown by 6 % since 2010. The EU is the largest market for technical textiles, followed by the USA.

**Way forward**

There is huge opportunity in the emerging world market for technical textiles and it is time for India to exploit fully the market potential for technical textiles. The Government of India is also extending all kinds of support for the development and export of technical textiles. It was in this context that the Council had participated in the fair as part of its strategy to promote exports of technical textiles.

The next Techtexsil and Texprocess will be held in Frankfurt am Main from 14 to 17 May 2019.

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A glimpse of innovations showcased at 'Techtextil 2017' in Frankfurt, Germany



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**SPECIAL  
FEATURE**

**#CottonIsCool social media campaign  
to promote the cotton sector**

E Serve No. 63 of 2017

Dated: May 22, 2017

**Sub: Appeal to support #CottonIsCool social media campaign  
to promote the cotton sector**

Dear Member,

Hon’ble Union Minister of Textiles Ms Smriti Irani has started a new social media campaign called #CottonIsCool to promote the cotton sector. Texprocil has extended it’s support to this campaign on it’s social platforms like Facebook @CottonTextilesIndia and twitter handle @TexprocilIndia.

Celebrating the cotton industry, Minister of Textiles wrote, “India’s rendezvous with cotton predates the Indus Valley civilisation and has since evolved. Today, India is one of the largest cotton producing nations and cotton has become the ultimate summer fabric. Cotton provides comfort in the scorching heat. Wear cotton to stay cool and celebrate the cotton industry that employs millions across the country.”

Joining the #CottonIsCool campaign is as easy as posting a selfie. The rules include posting a photo of a person wearing cotton with #CottonIsCool on twitter. The photo has to be shared by tagging 5 people challenging them to do the same.

#CottonIsCool is currently trending on Twitter. The campaign has received widespread support from the likes of Ministers Kiren Rijiju, Hema Malini, Vasundhara Raje Scindia and Suresh Prabhu, FDCI president Sunil Sethi, Cricketers Virender Sehwag and Kapil Dev amongst others. The Hon’ble Minister’s tweet has since collected over 8,500 ‘likes’ and more than 1,700 retweets.

The Council requests all its members to show support by joining the campaign and popularising it amongst all their known social media contacts. Kindly retweet with the words #CottonIsCool and @TexprocilIndia included in the message.

Regards,

**Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal**  
**Executive Director**

**:: TEXPROCIL ::**



## #CottonIsCool

### social media campaign

Image tweeted by @dreamgirlhema



Image tweeted by @virenderschwag





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**PICTURE  
STORY**

**#CottonIsCool  
social media campaign**

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### SUPPORT TO COTTON SECTOR

- Largest ever Minimum Support Price operation in value terms was carried out by the Cotton Corporation of India in 2014-15 cotton season in all 11 cotton producing states.
- This operation was highly successful with procurement crossing 86 lakh bales up to 30th March 2015.
- During cotton season 2014-15, India became number one in terms of area under cotton cultivation, with a cultivated area of 129.71 lakh hectares as against 117.27 lakh hectares in 2013-14.
- Special initiatives taken for possible MSP operations during cotton seasons for the benefit of farmers such as making the sales system more transparent and market driven. Also CCI commenced the sale of FP cotton bales through e-Auction.
- India hosted the International Cotton Advisory Committee Plenary Meeting in Mumbai from 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 after a gap of eleven years. Around 500 delegates from 36 countries participated in the Mumbai Plenary.

#### DID YOU KNOW

During FY 2015-16, the Cotton Corporation of India achieved a turnover of Rs. 17,066 crore as compared to the previous year's turnover of Rs. 5,389 crore.

#CottonIsCool

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Cotton draws heat from your skin, keeping you cool and comfortable during the Summers.

#CottonIsCool

#### DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that cotton was used by the people in Indus Valley? During the excavations in 1920s, archaeologists recovered cotton samples from Mohenjodaro that would have been made around 3000 BC.

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# TRADE NOTIFICATION

# MEMBERSHIP SATISFACTION SURVEY

Dear Member,

The Council has recently obtained ISO-9001:2008 Certification. As part of the ISO documentation concerning 'Customer Satisfaction' we are seeking feedback from our Members on the services offered by the Council. Accordingly kindly fill in your complete information below and respond to the questions below by tick (✓) marking appropriate response in the space provided or with suggestions in brief wherever necessary. We value your association with us and prompt feedback.

### COMPANY INFORMATION

Name of the Company	:	
Contact Person & Designation	:	
TEXPROCIL Membership (RCMC) No.	:	
Email Address & Website	:	

1) Kindly rate the following services offered by Texprocil on rating of 5 to 1. in order to serve you still better.\*  
 5= Excellent, 4=Good, 3 = Satisfactory, 2 = Needs Improvement., 1 = Not Availed (N.A.)

Membership	Rate Here	Trade Development	Rate Here	Trade Promotion	Rate Here	Trade Services	Rate Here	Trade Intelligence	Rate Here
Procedure for New Membership	<input type="text"/>	Publication: E-Newsletter	<input type="text"/>	Intl. Fairs & Events	<input type="text"/>	Certificate of Origin	<input type="text"/>	Interactive Website	<input type="text"/>
Membership Renewal	<input type="text"/>	E-serve	<input type="text"/>	Seminars & Workshops	<input type="text"/>	Grievance Redressal Services	<input type="text"/>	E-News Clippings	<input type="text"/>
RCMC Amendment	<input type="text"/>	Circulation Trade Enquiries Award	<input type="text"/>	MDA/MAI Schemes	<input type="text"/>	Information on Exim policy/Amendment DBK	<input type="text"/>	Information Disseminated	<input type="text"/>

2) a. Are you generally satisfied with the services actively availed by your company and marked above? Tick (✓)	YES	<input type="text"/>	NO	<input type="text"/>
b. If you have replied 'no' above, please suggest how the Council can improve the services (use additional sheet if required)	Suggestions:			

3) How is your company benefitting from the Exhibitions / BSMs being organized by the Council? Tick (✓)	Accessing new Markets	<input type="text"/>	Generating additional business	<input type="text"/>
Others (Pls. Specify):	Making new Contacts (Trade Enquiries)	<input type="text"/>	Any Others	<input type="text"/>

4) How is your company benefitting from the Export Facilitation services being provided by the Council?	Information on Export Policy / Procedures	<input type="text"/>	Responses to various EXIM queries	<input type="text"/>
Others (Pls. Specify):	Redressal of Trade related grievances	<input type="text"/>	Any Others	<input type="text"/>

5) Have you recommended TEXPROCIL Membership to other companies? Tick (✓)	YES	<input type="text"/>	NO	<input type="text"/>
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6) Do you have any other suggestions to offer regarding TEXPROCIL Member Services? (use additional sheet if required)	Suggestions:			
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\*Kindly ignore this feedback form, if you have already responded.

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**TRADE  
NOTIFICATION****TEXPROCIL MEMBERSHIP  
ANNUAL RENEWAL SUBSCRIPTION**

The Registration as well as Renewal fees for membership of the Council has been revised w.e.f. 01.04.2017.

Accordingly New Registration Fee Structure is as follows:-

Type of Membership	Amount (Rs.)	Service Tax @ 15%	Total Amount (Rs.)
<b>Member (with Voting Right)</b> (including Rs.6000/- as Entrance Fee)	<b>17000/-</b>	<b>2550/-</b>	<b>19550/-</b>
<b>Registered Textile Exporter</b> (including Rs.3000/- as Entrance Fee)	<b>9000/-</b>	<b>1350/-</b>	<b>10350/-</b>

The Annual Renewal Subscription amount for the financial year 2017-2018 (due from 1st April, 2017) is as follows:-

Type of Membership	Amount (Rs.)	Service Tax @ 15%	Total Amount (Rs.)
<b>Member (with Voting Right)</b>	<b>11000/-</b>	<b>1650/-</b>	<b>12650/-</b>
<b>Registered Textile Exporter</b>	<b>6000/-</b>	<b>900/-</b>	<b>6900/-</b>

**Note for Members:**

Members are also requested to submit the CA Certificate as per the format given below certifying the Export Turnover for F.Y. 2015-2016 & F.Y. 2016-2017 i.e. the amount of actual FOB value of exports of Cotton Textiles excluding Readymade Garments and Handloom Textiles.

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

RTEs are not required to submit the CA certificate.

**Format of Chartered Accountant Certificate to be submitted by Members only:****CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT CERTIFICATE  
(on C.A.'s Letter Head)****TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN**

This is to certify that M/s. \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and full address of the Member) having IE code No. \_\_\_\_\_ have exported Cotton / Cotton Yarn / Cotton Fabrics / Cotton Madeups (Excluding Handloom Items / Readymade Garments and Silks, etc.) during the financial year 2015-2016 & 2016-2017 as follows:

Sr. No.	Description	2016-2017 (Rs. FOB Value)	2015-2016 (Rs. FOB Value)
1	Cotton		
2	Cotton Yarn		
3	Cotton Fabrics		
4	Cotton Made-ups		
	<b>TOTAL</b>		

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

**PLACE:**

**DATE:**

**Note to Members & RTEs whose RCMC has expired on/before 31.03.2017:**

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

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

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