Circular No.EPS/44/2018-19

To: Members of the Council

Sub: Visit of Trade Delegation to Sri Lanka – November 14-15, 2018
(Invitation to participate in the Delegation)

Dear Member,

The Council is proposing to organize the visit of a high level Trade delegation of textiles exporters to Sri Lanka for two days in the month of November 2018, with the objective of promoting exports of textiles (including Home textiles) to Sri Lanka.

Background:

Sri Lanka offers good potential to export Yarn, Fabrics and Made ups (Including Home Textiles) and Raw Cotton from India. The retail sector including premium retail is growing in Sri Lanka which can be used by the Indian Companies to strengthen their brands in the Sri Lankan markets. Further, there is potential for investments / joint ventures etc in the textiles sector in both the Countries. Sri Lankan companies are showing interest in investing in India. Some companies like Brandix have already invested in the Garment City in Vishakhapatnam.

Recently, a delegation from Sri Lanka consisting of some top textiles & clothing Companies and senior Government officials had visited New Delhi in September 2018. The members of the delegation had shown keen interest in the Indian textiles sector both for trading & investments.
It is in this context that the Council is proposing the visit of the Trade delegation to Sri Lanka.

**Program:**

During the two days visit, the delegation will have factory visits, meetings with Buyers and textile associations. Details will be provided in due course.

**Export Data:**

1. Indian exports of Textiles & Clothing to Sri Lanka is to the tune of US$ 600 million p.a.
2. India is the largest exporter of Cotton Yarn to Sri Lanka with a share of about 60% of the total imports into Sri Lanka. Exports of Cotton Yarn from India to Sri Lanka in 2017-18 was US$ 77 million.
3. India is the second largest exporter of Cotton Fabrics to Sri Lanka, next to China, with exports to the tune of US$ 245 million in 2017-18 constituting a share of 25% of the total imports into Sri Lanka.
4. India is the second largest exporter of Cotton Made ups to Sri Lanka, next to Pakistan, with exports to the tune of US$ 13.30 million in 2017-18 constituting a share of 21% of the total imports into Sri Lanka.

We are glad to invite you to participate in this delegation and take advantage of the growing opportunities to export textiles to Sri Lanka.

**The Participation Fees** is Rs.35000/- (plus 18% GST) per person (Excluding Airfare /Including Hotel accommodation – 2 nights).

For participation, please send the enclosed Reply Form *(click here)* by email on the email IDs ravikumar@texprocil.org / vimal@texprocil.org.

Please note the selection of the delegates will be on First Come First Serve Basis. Looking forward towards receiving your confirmation so as to make the necessary arrangements. Further details regarding the programme such as travel plans etc will be provided to you after getting your confirmation regarding participation in the delegation.

Regards,

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**Executive Director**

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