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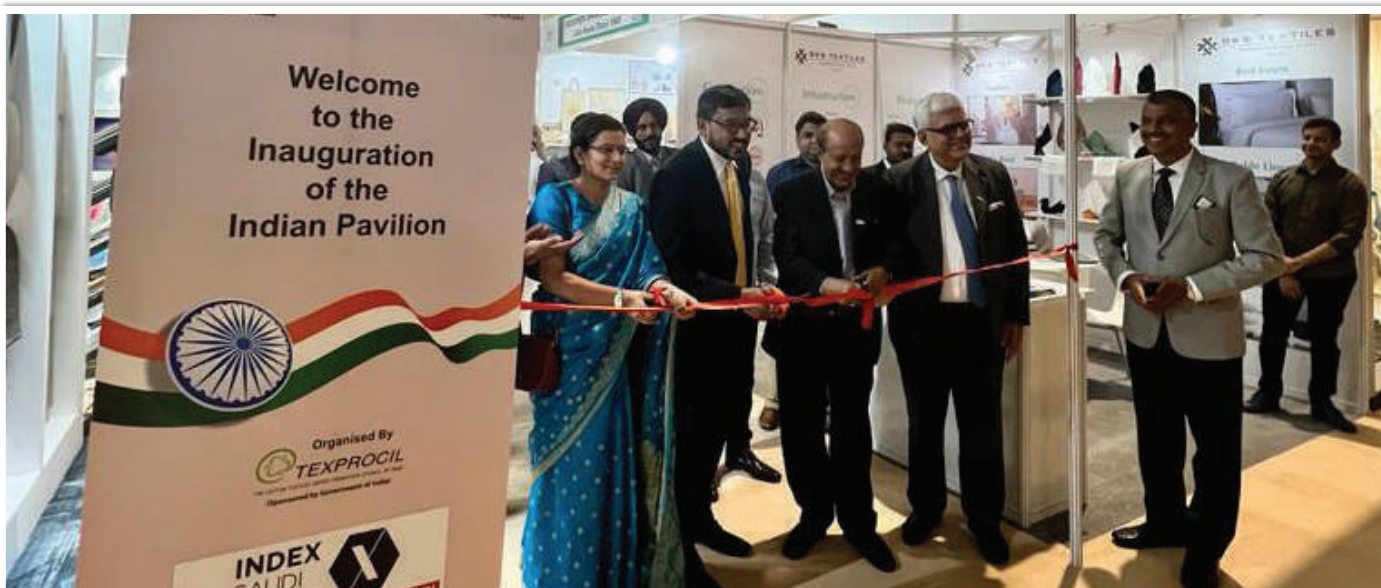


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The Hotel Show Saudi Arabia, 10-12 Sept. 2023



Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Riyadh, Shri Abu Mathen George inaugurated the India Pavilion

The Council participated in the Hotel Show Saudi Arabia 2023 held at the Riyadh Front Exhibition Centre in Hall No 1 from 10-12 Sept 2023. With retail and realty projects on the rise in Saudi, the event provided an opportunity for Indian suppliers to explore the Saudi market for finished goods like home textiles, rugs, carpets, bags etc.

About The Hotel Show:

The Hotel Show, Saudi Arabia connects GCC buyers with global suppliers and the event attracts many serious buyers each year,

providing an unrivalled opportunity for hospitality professionals to network, discover and do business.

On the first day of the exhibition i.e. 10th September, the Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Riyadh, Shri Abu Mathen George inaugurated the India Pavilion. Ms Ritu Yadav, Second Secretary (Com) later interacted with all the participants.

Visitors at the exhibition:

There were a large number of buyers not only from Saudi but from other countries like UAE, Bahrain, Oman, Jordan who

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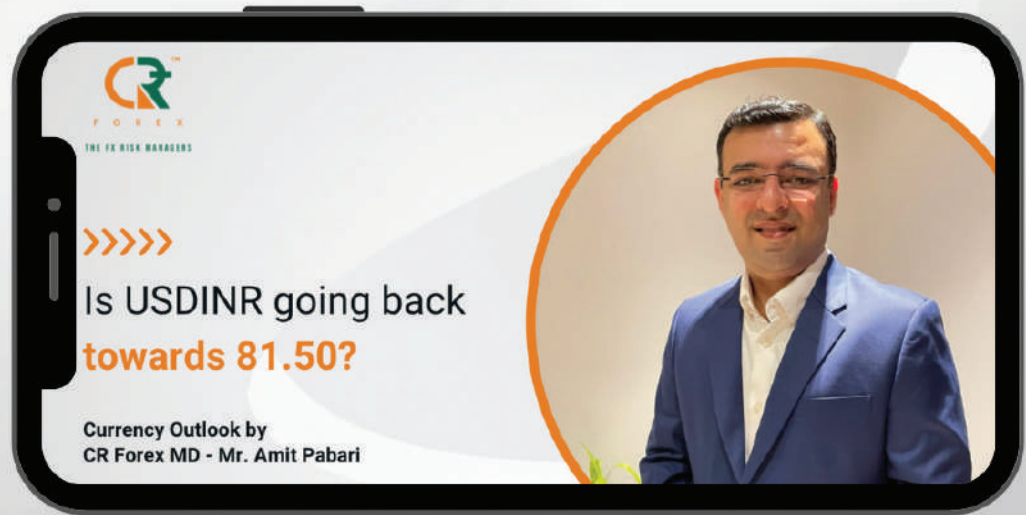
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Editorial



Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal
Executive Director
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issue presents a report on TEXPROCIL organized India Pavilion in Hotel Show Saudi Arabia (10-12 September, 2023), Intertextile, Apparel Fabrics in Shanghai (28th to 30th August, 2023) and Intex South Asia 2023, Colombo, Sri Lanka (9-12 August, 2023).

The latest trade figures released by the Ministry of Commerce shows that after declining continuously for many months, India's month-on-month exports of textiles and apparel during August 2023 have registered a growth of 4.33% over August 2022 primarily led by a 14% increase in the textile exports. The Trade Update column of this issue presents data on Export of Cotton

Dear Reader,

A crucial challenge confronting the industry today revolves around the structural vulnerability within the manufacturing value chain. As we progress downstream in this chain, manufacturing capacities progressively reduces, resulting in a missed opportunity for value addition.

The country requires to create a right focus in building the overall ecosystem for textile manufacturing and aligning with the global market requirements. India has a significant opportunity to enhance its global presence, and the industry must be prepared to capitalize on it. Realising this, the Council has been taking steps towards trade facilitation for its member companies through conducting a wide ambit of export promotion activities across the world.

The Council organised group participation of Indian companies in textile exhibitions held across some important destination markets. The Trade Facilitation column of this

Textiles during FY 2022-23 (April - June) along with quick Estimates for Textiles & Clothing for August, 2023.

TEXPROCIL concluded its 69th AGM on 27th September, 2023 at the Council's H.O. in Mumbai. In my AGM Speech, we took a review of the major activities undertaken by the Council during the year gone by. The Special Feature of this issue carries a Report on the 69th Annual General Meeting of TEXPROCIL.

The 'Policy Talks' section presents the recent changes in policy and procedures announced by the Government and various provisions of the Foreign Trade Policy, incentive schemes and issues of taxation.

We do hope that you find reading this edition of the E-Newsletter worthwhile. We welcome your valuable feedback on the present edition and also invite contributions in the form of short articles on matters relevant to trade and industry.

TEXPROCIL E-Newsletter values your comments and contributions and looks forward to receiving continuous support for the various activities of the Council.

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Chairman's Page



Sunil Patwari
Chairman
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69th AGM of TEXPROCIL

TEXPROCIL concluded its 69th AGM on 27th September, 2023 at the Council's H.O. in Mumbai. In my AGM Speech, we took a review of the major activities undertaken by the Council during the year gone by.

Friends, I assumed office last year as the Chairman of TEXPROCIL. At that time we saw the transitioning to the global recovery phase from the pandemic affected world. Just as the supply-chain challenges appeared to be easing, the world saw Russian aggression in Ukraine that started hindering global growth and aggravating inflationary pressures, creating a new negative supply shock for the world economy.

Not heeding to the pressures, I along with other office bearers took the mandate to move forward on the recently initiated programmes and commence new initiatives that can help to enhance international perception and valuation for textile products in the Cotton Value Chain.

Foundation Day of TEXPROCIL

As the 69th AGM drew to a close, and the Council entered 70th Year of its

Dear Reader,

The outlook of textile and clothing industry is not entirely grim. The latest trade figures released by the Ministry of Commerce shows that after declining continuously for many months, India's month-on-month exports of textiles and apparel during August 2023 have registered a growth of 4.33% over August 2022 primarily led by a 14% increase in the textile exports. However, the cumulative trade in almost all segments of the T&A sector continued to remain in the negative territory on the back of still to pick up global demand.

As we enter the second half (H1) of the current fiscal year 2023-2024, the industry is hopeful to bounce back strongly towards achieving a US\$ 350 billion market size including US\$ 100 billion exports by 2030.

formation, many of the Past Chairmen and industry leaders got together at the Council's H.O. in Mumbai to celebrate the Council's 'Milestone' viz. Foundation Day of TEXPROCIL on October 4, 2023.

The Foundation Day Celebrations, was chaired by Shri Suresh Kotak, Chairman of Textile Advisory Group (TAG) and highly regarded as the "Cotton Man of India". The function was also attended by Past Chairmen and Members of Committee of Administration of the Council who shared their experiences working with the Council.

Webinar on Kasturi Cotton program

Activities at the Foundation Day included a webinar on Kasturi Cotton program held in hybrid format on October 4, 2023 during which eminent speakers from the cotton fraternity leading discussions with more than 250 participants joining online from across India.

The Seminar proceeding included a keynote address by Shri Lalit K. Gupta, Chairman, Cotton Corporation of India introducing the significant role played by CCI for the cotton value chain. This was followed by a special address by Shri Suresh Kotak, Chairman, Textile Advisory

Group congratulating the Council for the yeomen services to the trade and industry during the last seven decades.

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director, TEXPROCIL made a brief presentation in virtual mode on the Kasturi Cotton program. Further, a Round Table was held with the panel of industry experts which was moderated by Shri K.K. Lalpuria, Executive Director & CEO, Indo Count Industries Ltd. and Chairman of Madeups Subcommittee of TEXPROCIL. The discussions were followed by Q&A session in which all the queries from the participants were answered by the panel of experts. A detailed report on the event is being circulated by the Council.

Celebrations of World Cotton Day

The Council joined the Ministry of Textiles in celebrating the World Cotton Day 2023 at Hotel Le Meridian in New Delhi on 7th October 2023. A conference centred on the theme of "Enhancing Quality & Productivity of Indian Cotton through Policy, Innovation, & Technology Upgradation" was held in collaboration with the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) and the EU-Resource Efficiency Initiative, an initiative by GIZ.

To ensure that the quality, variety, origin, and other vital parameters of cotton are transparent to both Indian and international buyers, CCI launched the “Bale Identification and Traceability System” (BITS) using Blockchain Technology.

Additionally, the Ministry of Textiles introduced the Kasturi Cotton program, a premium certified quality cotton with traceability. TEXPROCIL, in collaboration with CCI on behalf of the Ministry of Textiles, is overseeing the implementation of this program. All ginners in the country are empowered to produce Kasturi Cotton following quality protocols.

In conjunction with CCI, CAI, and CITI, the Ministry of Textiles unveiled the event brochure for the 81st plenary meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), slated to take place in Mumbai from December 2nd to 5th, 2023. The theme for this event is “Cotton Value Chain: Local Innovations for Global Prosperity,” with over 400 delegates and

observers expected to attend from more than 27 countries.

Way forward

Friends, exports have encountered a significant contraction in the first half of 2023, reflecting uncertain global market conditions that exporters are grappling with. A new threat is seen on the horizon in the fallout between Israel – Hamas, having repercussions in Middle East Region. The outbreak is in its early days but can’t be ignored. Any further major escalation of hostilities could impact risk appetite globally and lead to weakness in the global markets considering the importance of the region in the supply chain of oil. The markets have been resilient so far, but no market can remain immune to such global events as was seen in the case of Russia-Ukraine conflicts. However, at the moment what we can do is to wait and watch.

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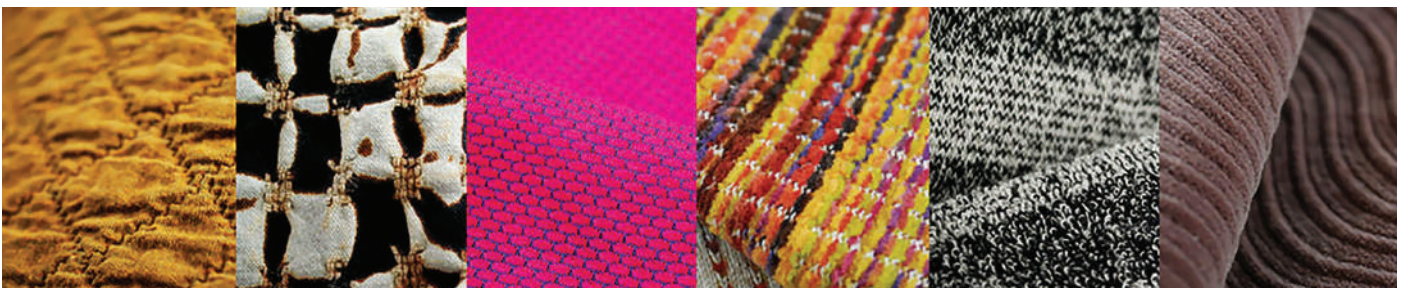
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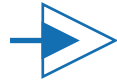
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Report on Saudi Arabia, The Hotel Show
Saudi Arabia, 10-12 Sept. 2023

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visited the exhibition. The buyers were mainly from hotels, traders / wholesalers and interior design studios.

Some of the key observations based on feedback received from the participating companies and also from the visitors was that there is good demand in Saudi for Bed sheets, Towels, Pillows, Duvets, rugs, carpets and prayer mats due to rising projects in Residential homes, Hotels and Hospitals. Further, the demand for sheet blends like Polyester–Cotton home textile products in Saudi is increasing. Most of the hotels do their sourcing through wholesalers and traders as MoQs are not very high.

Feedback from the exhibitors:

All the companies expressed satisfaction with their participation in the exhibition and the leads that they got during the three days of the event. The Show generated interest for the exhibitors in terms of the varied cross section of regional buyers attending the exhibition and most of the exhibitors have expressed interest to participate in the 2024 edition of the Show. Orders worth \$ 1 million were contracted on spot at the event.

Way Forward:

With its ongoing realty and hotel projects in full swing, Saudi Arabia will be a good market for textiles. However, the potential and opportunity to export will increase further if the India – GCC CEPA is signed as Cotton textile products exported from India will enjoy the benefit of zero duty. The Saudi market holds good potential for small and medium size companies who can export in small lots.

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Report on Intertextile, Apparel Fabrics in Shanghai from 28th to 30th August 2023



TEXPROCIL organizes participation of 50 companies at the Yarn Expo Autumn and InterTextile Apparel Fabrics in Shanghai from 28th to 30th August 2023.

Introduction

As part of its Export Promotion Programme for the Financial Year 2023-2024, the Council had organized participation of its member exporters at the Yarn Expo Autumn and the InterTextile Apparel Fabrics at the National Exhibition & Convention Centre, Shanghai from 28th to 30th August 2023. This is the largest exhibition for Yarns and Fabrics in Asia attracting buyers from across the world.

Event Details

The Council put up the India Pavilion under the TEXPROCIL banner comprising of 47 booths including the TEXPROCIL booth in Hall 8.2 at the Yarn Expo and 4 booths in Hall 5.1 at InterTextile Apparel Fabrics show.

The participation of 30 companies was organized under the MAI scheme of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. The balance 20 companies participated without financial assistance. Since limited space was provided by the organizers, the Council had to refuse participation to nearly 10 companies. The event was organized by Messe Frankfurt, Hong Kong.

The Indian pavilion at both, Yarn Expo and InterTextiles was highlighted through well designed 'Hanging Banners'. 400 Exhibitor catalogues containing detailed profiles of Indian exhibitors was distributed to the visitors. Branding of Indian exhibitors was carried out, at the Council's booth and at each exhibitor booth as well as in the Exhibitor catalogue.

508 Exhibitors from 26 countries exhibited at the Yarn Expo, while 590 exhibitors from 28 countries exhibited at InterTextile

Apparel Fabric. 19120 visitors from China visited the Yarn Expo along with 1177 visitors from 105 countries. In the profile of the visitors at the Yarn Expo 36% were Yarn producers, 23% were Fabric manufacturers, 15% each were Traders/Agents & Garment manufacturers, 14% each were Import-Export companies and Home Textile Manufacturers, 11% were Knitwear manufacturers, 9% were Technical Textile manufacturers and 5% were Manufacturers of Socks & Hosiery.

Digitalisation, Sustainability and Functional Fashion, pillars that are currently redefining the industry, emerged as dominant themes across the fairground: whether it be biodegradable raw materials, or the first-to-market artificial intelligence system. This gave buyers a comprehensive sourcing experience, supplemented by over 40 Seminars and Forums and the concurrent Yarn Expo Autumn.

Intertextile Apparel attracted international and domestic exhibitors and buyers during the three days of this autumn edition. The broad spectrum of exhibitors was from countries such as Belgium, France, Hong Kong China, Italy, India, Japan, Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan China, and UK among others.

Group Pavilions were led by Industry Powerhouses such as ECOCERT, Hyosung, Korean Textile Center, Lenzing, LYCRA, OEKO-TEX and Sorona. A number of companies used the fair as a platform to launch new products, such as Lenzing expanding its REFIBRA™ technology to its ECOVERO™ branded viscose, a move that will increase its products' post-consumer fibre content. Other notable debuts included LYCRA showcasing three new branded fibres; Unifi highlighting its Textile Takeback™ initiative; Guangdong DC Button's plant-based degradable button series; and Yantai Jihe Import & Export's Türkiye flocked denim fabrics, new to the Chinese market.



Mr. Yang Zhaohua, Vice President, CNTAC, Mr. Rahul Shah, MD, Acme Yarns Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Ujwal Lahoti, Past Chairman, Texprocil, Mr. Sun Ruizhe, President, CNTAC, Mr. Sunil Patwari, Chairman, Texprocil, Mr. Xu Yingxin, Vice President, CNTAC, Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, ED, Texprocil, Mrs. Yuan Hongping, Deputy Secretary General, CNTAC, Ms. Sarah Gao, Division Chief of Foreign Affairs, CNTAC

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Meeting with members of the China National Textile & Apparel Council (CNTAC)

Shri Sunil Patwari, Chairman, TEXPROCIL, Shri Ujwal Lahoti, Past Chairman, TEXPROCIL, Shri Rahul Shah, Member, Yarn Committee and Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, ED, TEXPROCIL were invited to a lunch meeting at Hotel Intercontinental by officials from the China National Textile & Apparel Council (CNTAC). The TEXPROCIL office bearers had fruitful discussions with Mr. Sun Ruizhe, President, Mr. Xu Yingzhin, Vice President, Mr. Yang Zhaohua, Vice President, Mrs. Yuan Hongping, Deputy Secretary General and Ms. Sarah Gao, Division Chief of Foreign Affairs. The members of both the trade bodies proposed to bring trade delegation to each other's countries to gain better perspectives on the developments in the textile sector in both countries and to look at opportunities for facilitating trade between the members. Mrs. Yuan Hongping and Ms. Sarah Gao also visited some of the Indian exhibitor booths.

Visit of Officials from the Consulate General of India in Shanghai

Dr. N. Nandakumar, Consul General, Indian Consulate along with two other officials visited the India Pavilion and interacted with many exhibitors at both the Yarn Expo and InterTextile Apparel Fabrics. Shri Sunil Patwari, Chairman & Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director, received him at the Council's booth and briefed him on the market situation, the import trends, the opportunities and the challenges faced by yarn and fabric exporters.

The Consul General provided valuable insights and suggestion and communicated that the main objective would be to regain the market share and then look for opportunities to expand.

Felicitation of the Council by Messe Frankfurt, Hong Kong

Shri Sunil Patwari, Chairman and Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director were felicitated with an award for consistent participation at the Yarn Expo and InterTextiles Apparel Fabrics over the years by Messe Frankfurt, Hong Kong at a ceremony organized to honour companies in certain categories. This was a first of its kind award presented to any trade body by the organizers.

Overall Market Situation

The demand for yarn and fabrics in China have reduced on account of the fall in exports of RMG to US and EU. Orders are extremely price dominated on account of which the importers in China are adopting a 'Wait and Watch' policy.

In the Combed Compact Yarn category, the largest selling counts are 21, 26 and 32. The asking price in China is around USD 2.90 per kg for the 32's count, while India's cost price is USD 2.98 per kg. Adding the logistics costs and the margins, the total difference is between 12 to 15 cents per kg. In the Carded Yarn category, the largest selling counts are 16 & 21. In the 16's count, the asking price in China is USD 2.50 per kg, while India's cost price is USD 2.60 per kg.

Imports of cotton yarn in quantity by China have declined by a CAGR of 13.11 % over the period 2018 to 2022. India's market share has fallen sharply from 21.5% in 2018 to 4.85% in 2022. India's share has been taken by Vietnam, Pakistan and Malaysia, all of who enjoy a tariff advantage.

Another reason has been the fluctuation in the price of Indian cotton which was substantially higher during the past 2 years as compared to international prices. Though the prices in India have stabilized, clean and better cotton is available from Vietnam, Pakistan, Indonesia at prices lower than the price of Indian cotton, which is not contamination free.

The third major reason is the depreciation of the Chinese currency by more than 5% since the beginning of this year. Slow growth, coupled with low interest rates have weakened the currency. With the softening of the global demand, export orders are likely to get more affected, especially to US and EU, resulting in further fall in the Yuan.

However, despite the situation, China will continue to be one of the thrust markets for Indian exporters.

In the fabrics section, 4 Indian companies participated, of which one was into the niche category of embroidered fabrics. The exhibitors reported that they had more interactions and business discussions with international customers rather than local ones. The Intertextile Fabrics show does bring in large number of visitors, especially from Europe, North America and South America, but by every year standards, the flow of visitors from these international markets too was comparatively lower.

One reason that can be attributed to this is the weak demand in these markets resulting in the companies waiting for demand to pick up. Besides with high inflation and rising costs in these markets, the companies are travelling only if it is very essential.

Indian Fabric price is 20 to 30 cents higher than the ones available locally or imported from countries like Pakistan, Vietnam and Indonesia. These countries enjoy zero duty tariff for export of fabrics to China as compared to 8% duty levied on Indian fabrics.

While USA continues to be the major trading partner for China, the ongoing conflict between the countries is creating uncertainty in the global economy. This has resulted in the acceleration of the 'China plus one' strategy by many countries who are moving away to Vietnam, Bangladesh, Indonesia and India. India has a distinct disadvantage of tariff vis a vis these countries in major importing countries except USA.

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Chairman, Shri Sunil Patwari and ED, Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal receiving the Award for Consistent Participation at Yarn Expo and Intertextile Apparel Fabric Show from Messe Frankfurt



Report on Intex South Asia, TEXPROCIL organizes India Pavilion in Intex South Asia 2023, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Trade Facilitation



12th edition of Intex South Asia, Sri Lanka Fair was inaugurated on 9th August 2023 by H.E. Dr. Satyanjal Pandey, Acting High Commissioner of India, Sri Lanka. Also, present were Dr. Kingsley Bernard, Chairman, Export Development Board of Sri Lanka as Guest of Honour

TEXPROCIL organizes India Pavilion in Intex South Asia 2023, Colombo, Sri Lanka

TEXPROCIL, in its efforts to explore opportunity for increasing exports of yarn & fabrics, organized an India Pavilion in Intex South Asia, textiles exhibition from 9-11 August 2023 at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conventional Hall (BMICH), Colombo, Sri Lanka.

About Intex South Asia

Intex South Asia – 2023, Sri Lanka Fair continues to be a trailblazer, facilitating business collaborations, fostering innovation, and promoting trade opportunities across the textile value chain. Intex South Asia 2023 held in Sri Lanka provided a comprehensive sourcing platform for Indian companies to connect with Sri Lankan Apparel manufacturers, importers, buying houses and brands.

Intex textile fair, is South Asia's only international sourcing fair, showcasing the best in yarns, fabrics (apparel & denim), clothing accessories and allied services from across Asia and the World.

Supported by Sri Lanka Export Development Board (EDB), Korean Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA), Joint Apparel Association Forum (JAAF) and many other leading international industry associations and Chambers of Commerce, the present edition of 'Intex South Asia' offered its participants, a unique platform for making global connections between buyers from the South Asian region and the rest of the world.

Sri Lankan T&A Market

Sri Lanka is primarily a garment conversion center with exports in this category touching US\$ 5.95 billion in 2022. The country is a preferred destination for high-end apparel sourcing across Asia, with its apparel export industry continues to be the most significant, highest industrial employment generator, highest foreign exchange earner and among the most vital sectors for Sri Lanka's economy.

In 2022-23, Sri Lanka's merchandise exports to India were valued at around US\$ 1 billion while imports from India were valued at US\$ 5.1 billion. In 2022, Sri Lanka imported US\$ 111.89 million

in cotton yarn, US\$ 374.16 million in cotton fabrics, US\$ 5.94 million in cotton madeups and US\$ 0.34 million in raw cotton imports from India with total imports from India reaching a level of US\$ 491.99 million in the cotton textiles sector. Overall, Sri Lanka imported US\$ 818.99 million worth of Textiles & Clothing from India including textiles valued at US\$ 761.38 million and clothing valued at US\$ 57.01 million in 2022.

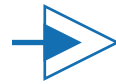
Intex South Asia 2023

Intex South Asia 2023, organized by Worldex India Exhibition & Promotion Pvt. Ltd., was endorsed and supported by Joint Apparel Association Forum (JAAF), Sri Lanka Apparel Exporters Association (SLAEA), Sri Lanka Apparel Sourcing Association (SLASA), Sri Lanka Apparel Brands Association (SLABA), Sri Lanka Chamber of Garment Exporters (SLCGE), Fabric & Apparel Accessory Manufacturers Association (FAAMA), Free Trade Zone Manufacturers Association (FTZMA), The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL), High Commission of India, Colombo, KOTRA Colombo, Embassy of Indonesia in Colombo, Sri Lanka and others.

Intex Sri Lanka was inaugurated by H.E. Dr. Satyanjal Pandey, Acting High Commissioner of India (Chief Guest) and Dr. Bernard Kingsley, Chairman & Chief Executive, Export Development Board of Sri Lanka (Guest of Honour) in the presence of the Ambassador of Cuba, H.E. Andrés Marcelo Garrido; High Commissioner of Malaysia to Sri Lanka, H.E. Badli Hisham Adam; and Mr. Son Joo Hong, Director General of Korea Trade Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA) and heads of industry associations and business chambers across Sri Lanka.

The exhibition showcased 100+ companies from India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, China, Hong Kong, Korea, Taiwan, UK, USA and more. The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL) and KOTRA Colombo organized country pavilions at Intex Sri Lanka. The present edition of Intex South Asia reported a record-breaking visitor footfall at the fair. Out of 4,780 trade visitors that attended the show across 3 days, the show was visited by overseas buyers from USA, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, UAE, Pakistan, Bangladesh, etc. that came to Sri Lanka for their sourcing requirements as well as to

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connect with industry stakeholders, meet their suppliers, gain market insights and explore opportunities in Sri Lanka through the Intex trade platform.

TEXPROCIL India Pavilion

The Council organized group participation of 18 Indian companies by setting up India Pavilion at the fair under the MAI Scheme of Government of India. The participation was highlighted with special promotions highlighting the 'Incredible Textiles of India' programme of Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India. Other Indian companies participating in the fair included 26 companies participating directly through the organizers setting-up large stalls.

The organizers allocated a 9 sqm information booth to the Council at the 'Indian Pavilion' set up by TEXPROCIL. The Council's information booth saw a steady stream of visitors, the information

on which is being separately circulated to all members.

Fringe Programs

Intex also hosted a high-level industry knowledge business forum alongside the exhibition. The Interactive Business Forum Seminar Series presented a panel discussion on Re-imagining Fashion - Materials Innovation, Sustainability and Circular Fashion and SS'24 Trends Briefing - Women and Men by WGSN UK. Shri Rajesh Satam, Joint Director, TEXPROCIL represented India and moderated the panel discussion at the Interactive Business Forum Seminar Series held alongside Intex South Asia – 2023, fair in Sri Lanka.

Over 225 industry professionals attended the forum. More than 90% of the attendees rated the forum highly informative with well-balanced topics on innovation and sustainability as well as upcoming trends across the textile supply and value-chain.



Report on Intex South Asia, TEXPROCIL organizes India Pavilion in Intex South Asia 2023, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Trade Facilitation



On 10th August 2023, the Economic Diplomacy Division of the High Commission of India in Sri Lanka organized a Buyer Seller Meet and networking evening between India Pavilion Exhibitors and Sri Lankan Brands and Association at Hotel Taj Samudra, Sri Lanka. Shri. Rajesh Satam, Joint Director, TEXPROCIL delivered a special address and led discussions on trade and investments and developing synergies between India and Sri Lanka

Support by the High Commission of India in Sri Lanka

The team of officials at the High Commission of India in Sri Lanka supported the Indian participants by circulating their profiles to their database of Sri Lankan companies importing textiles from India. On the first day of the fair, H.E. Dr. Satyanjal Pandey, Acting High Commissioner of India inaugurated the Indian Pavilion set up by the Council and met all the participants to understand the difficulties faced in exporting textiles into Sri Lanka and assured all possible cooperation from his office in facilitating trade growth.

B2B Meetings between India and Sri Lanka

On the second day, after the end of fair, the High Commission of India in Sri Lanka facilitated the meetings between Indian and Sri Lankan textile companies by holding a B2B Meeting and Networking evening at Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo, Sri Lanka on 10th August, 2023.

At the meeting, the most prevailed thought was that Sri Lankan importers need to be supported in their efforts to emerge out of recessionary conditions. Trade support measures like Rupee trade facilitation, special rates on fabrics, speedy logistics, etc. can provide impetus for growth of textile exports into Sri Lanka.

On behalf of the exporters, Shri Rajesh Satam, Joint Director, TEXPROCIL made an appeal to the Sri Lankan businesses to come forward and make use of the opportunity to discuss possibilities to grow sourcing from India their requirements in textiles. The B2B meet proved to be a robust platform for reinvigorating South Asian intra-regional trade, by delivering access to industry developments, networking opportunities and strategic initiatives taken by suppliers from Sri Lanka and helped to connect industry and business representatives attending the event.

Feedback from the participants

The participating companies were generally satisfied with their participation at the fair. They were happy with the footfalls and marketing & publicity undertaken by the Council along with the organizers to invite right visitors to the exhibition.

Facilitating information exchange, to share data on the specific needs of high net-worth buyers in terms of potential ordering

quantity and quality desired, competition pricing and last mile delivery facilitation, etc. can help to determine ways and means Indian businesses can grow volume trade with Sri Lanka. Each participant expressed contention with the quality of visitors and expressed hopes to consider participating in the future editions of this fair.

Conclusion

Intex South Asia – 2023, fair in Sri Lanka presented an ideal opportunity for the Indian companies to strengthen business partnerships with Sri Lankan apparel companies and create a positive platform for future business.

Visitors at the exhibition included local manufacturing companies and many international buyers with sourcing base in Sri Lanka, seeking to make contacts with suppliers of innovative, high performance textiles for casual, intimate and performance wear. The fair showcased participation from international exhibitors representing 11+ countries including India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Vietnam, China, Korea, Indonesia, Taiwan, Thailand, USA, UK and more.

Based on the feedback received, the potential enquiries generated with interactions between Indian and Sri Lankan buyers in the fair will translate into trade over time and holds the potential to grow further. Indian companies can look forward to fulfill the growing demand for raw material required by the Sri Lankan industry.

The Council's participation in the fair along with its member companies was successful in meeting the objectives to promote "Incredible Textiles of India", provide opportunities for Indian companies to reconnect with their existing customers and meet potential buyers in Sri Lanka.

Intex Sri Lanka 2023 left an indelible mark on the industry, setting new standards for excellence, diversity, and global engagement. The enquiries generated during the show have undoubtedly solidified the fair's reputation as the premier international textile sourcing show of the region and annual calendar event for networking with the textiles and apparel industry of Sri Lanka.

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India's Export Statistics of Cotton Textiles			
Commodity	April - July		% Growth 2023 / 2022
	Million US \$		
	2022	2023	
Cotton Madeups/Fabrics	2523.58	2122.16	-15.91%
Cotton Yarn	1068.27	1218.15	14.03%
Cotton Textiles	3591.84	3340.31	-7.00%
Raw Cotton	400.39	285.49	-28.70%
Cotton Textiles + Raw Cotton	3992.23	3625.81	-9.18%
In Quantity			
Commodity	April - July		% Growth 2023 / 2022
	Million Kgs		
	2022	2023	
Cotton Yarn	217.18	376.66	73.43%
Raw Cotton	141.62	139.04	-1.82%

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

Market wise: Cotton Textiles (Madeups / Fabrics / Yarns)

India Export Statistics of Cotton Textiles (Madeups / Fabrics / Yarns)						
Value: Million US \$						% Growth 2023 / 2022
Rank	Partner	April - July		% Share		
		2022	2023	2022	2023	
	World	3591.84	3340.31	100.00	100.00	-7.00
1	USA	903.27	812.54	22.63	22.41	-10.05
2	Bangladesh	682.64	436.32	17.10	12.03	-36.08
3	China	32.33	293.46	0.81	8.09	807.75
4	Sri Lanka	139.24	124.70	3.49	3.44	-10.44
5	Turkey	32.89	85.02	0.82	2.34	158.48
6	Egypt	91.61	80.66	2.29	2.22	-11.95
7	Germany	99.26	77.36	2.49	2.13	-22.07
8	UK	78.44	74.73	1.96	2.06	-4.73
9	UAE	63.61	72.68	1.59	2.00	14.27
10	Senegal	56.35	63.07	1.41	1.74	11.93
Total of Top 10		2179.65	2120.54	54.60	58.48	-2.71

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce



Export Statistics (April - July 2023)



Trade Update

India Export Statistics of Cotton Yarn						
Value: Million US \$						% Growth 2023 / 2022
Rank	Partner	April - July		% Share		
		2022	2023	2022	2023	
	World	1068.27	1218.15	100.00	100.00	14.03
1	Bangladesh	471.57	317.36	44.14	26.05	-32.70
2	China	25.82	286.70	2.42	23.54	1010.47
3	Turkey	27.32	80.30	2.56	6.59	193.95
4	Egypt	74.67	75.38	6.99	6.19	0.94
5	Portugal	35.52	49.00	3.32	4.02	37.95
6	Vietnam	34.15	42.76	3.20	3.51	25.22
7	Peru	33.25	39.29	3.11	3.23	18.19
8	Sri Lanka	33.86	32.91	3.17	2.70	-2.82
9	S. Korea	26.76	24.68	2.50	2.03	-7.75
10	Italy	31.27	22.28	2.93	1.83	-28.75
Total of Top 10		794.17	970.66	74.34	79.68	22.22

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

India Export Statistics of Cotton Yarn						
Quantity: Million Kilograms						% Growth 2023 / 2022
Rank	Partner	April - July		% Share		
		2022	2023	2022	2023	
	World	217.18	376.66	100.00	100.00	73.43
1	China	6.58	101.55	3.03	26.96	1442.89
2	Bangladesh	99.60	93.38	45.86	24.79	-6.24
3	Turkey	5.02	24.30	2.31	6.45	384.08
4	Egypt	15.78	24.15	7.26	6.41	53.08
5	Portugal	7.06	14.62	3.25	3.88	107.05
6	Vietnam	6.81	13.84	3.14	3.67	103.28
7	Peru	6.83	12.87	3.15	3.42	88.37
8	Sri Lanka	6.27	7.62	2.89	2.02	21.45
9	S. Korea	5.39	7.40	2.48	1.97	37.45
10	Colombia	4.79	6.35	2.21	1.69	32.50
Total of Top 10		164.13	306.08	75.57	81.26	86.49

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce



India Export Statistics of Cotton Madeups/ Cotton Fabrics						
Value: Million US \$						% Growth 2023 / 2022
Rank	Partner	April - July		% Share		
		2022	2023	2022	2023	
	World	2523.58	2122.16	100.00	100.00	-15.91
1	USA	894.04	807.57	35.43	38.05	-9.67
2	Bangladesh	211.08	118.96	8.36	5.61	-43.64
3	Sri Lanka	105.38	91.80	4.18	4.33	-12.89
4	UK	78.02	74.28	3.09	3.50	-4.79
5	UAE	59.73	70.13	2.37	3.30	17.42
6	Senegal	56.35	63.07	2.23	2.97	11.93
7	Germany	77.04	60.63	3.05	2.86	-21.31
8	France	45.13	40.51	1.79	1.91	-10.25
9	Australia	51.68	37.80	2.05	1.78	-26.85
10	Nigeria	72.32	37.21	2.87	1.75	-48.55
Total of Top 10		1650.77	1401.96	65.41	66.06	-15.07

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

India Export Statistics of Raw Cotton (Incl waste..)						
Value: Million US \$						% Growth 2023 / 2022
Rank	Partner	April - July		% Share		
		2022	2023	2022	2023	
	World	400.39	285.49	100.00	100.00	-28.70
1	Bangladesh	286.26	149.31	71.50	52.30	-47.84
2	China	8.64	50.93	2.16	17.84	489.60
3	Vietnam	31.81	32.97	7.95	11.55	3.63
4	Taiwan	5.70	12.89	1.42	4.52	126.15
5	UAE	8.21	8.68	2.05	3.04	5.74
6	Belgium	6.24	8.44	1.56	2.96	35.18
7	Germany	6.86	6.87	1.71	2.41	0.10
8	Indonesia	15.52	5.65	3.88	1.98	-63.60
9	Thailand	2.03	2.20	0.51	0.77	8.45
10	Nepal	0.63	1.41	0.16	0.49	123.42
Total of Top 10		371.90	279.35	92.89	97.85	-24.89

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

Export Statistics (April - July 2023)



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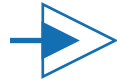
India Export Statistics of Raw Cotton (Incl waste..)						
Quantity: Million Kilograms						% Growth 2023 / 2022
Rank	Partner	April - July		% Share		
		2022	2023	2022	2023	
	World	141.62	139.04	100.00	100.00	-1.82
1	Bangladesh	87.05	66.52	61.47	47.85	-23.58
2	Vietnam	17.54	22.09	12.39	15.89	25.92
3	China	4.77	21.45	3.37	15.43	349.74
4	Taiwan	3.85	8.01	2.72	5.76	108.16
5	Belgium	3.81	4.75	2.69	3.42	24.65
6	UAE	2.59	4.05	1.83	2.91	56.09
7	Germany	4.28	3.90	3.02	2.81	-8.83
8	Indonesia	6.32	2.70	4.46	1.94	-57.23
9	Thailand	0.83	1.24	0.59	0.89	49.22
10	Nepal	0.96	1.22	0.68	0.88	26.64
Total of Top 10		132.01	135.94	93.21	97.77	2.98

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

Monthly Quick Estimates Analysis

India's Export of Cotton Yarn/Fabrics./ Made-ups, Handloom Products etc.							
Month	Million US \$						% Change
	2018-19 (Normal Year)	2019-20	2020-21 (Covid)	2021-22 (Pent- up demand)	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24 / 2022-23
April	897	844	148	1064	1158	888	-23.3%
May	941	885	465	1106	1042	920	-11.6%
June	986	792	761	1194	962	950	-1.2%
July	915	824	885	1310	946	1009	6.6%
August	1072	832	834	1300	884	1114	26.0%
Apr-Aug	4,811	4,177	3,094	5,974	4,992	4,881	-2.2%

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce



QUICK ESTIMATES FOR TEXTILES & CLOTHING FOR AUGUST, 2023						
Exports (Million US)	August		% Change	April - August		% Change
	2022	2023	2023/2022	2022	2023	2023/2022
Commodities						
Cotton Yarn/Fabs/made-ups, Handloom Products etc	884	1114	26.00%	4995	4882	-2.26%
Man-made Yarn/Fabs./made-ups etc.	420	412	-1.82%	2184	1964	-10.09%
RMG of all Textiles	1234	1133	-8.15%	7106	5970	-15.98%
Jute Mfg. including Floor Covering	42	32	-23.17%	212	156	-26.28%
Carpet	104	118	13.15%	604	556	-8.03%
Handicrafts excl. handmade carpet	145	142	-2.03%	766	671	-12.44%
Textiles	1596	1819	13.98%	8760	8228	-6.08%
Apparel	1234	1133	-8.15%	7106	5970	-15.98%
Textiles & Apparel	2829	2952	4.33%	15866	14198	-10.51%
All Commodities	37018	34484	-6.84%	196335	172948	-11.91%
% Share of Textiles & Apparel in Total Exports	7.64%	8.56%		8.08%	8.21%	
Imports (Million US)	August		% Change	April - August		% Change
	2022	2023	2023/2022	2022	2023	2023/2022
Commodities						
Cotton Raw & Waste	296	75	-74.67%	764	362	-52.61%
Textile yarn Fabric, made-up articles	265	216	-18.38%	1195	936	-21.70%

Source: DGCI/MOC

- According to the quick estimates data released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, exports of cotton yarn/fabrics/made-ups, handloom products etc from India grew by 26% in August 2023 over August 2022.
- During Apr-August'23, Indian Textiles Exports registered a degrowth of -6.08% over the previous year while Apparel Exports registered a degrowth of -15.98% during the same time period
- Share of T&A has increased to 8.56% in August'23 from 7.64% in August'22

Changing Dynamics - Currencies Fate in the Hands of Macros!



Special Feature



Entering the “Final Quarter” characterized by economic uncertainty and ever-shifting market dynamics- A “Final” hike of “Quarter” percent would be eyed!

The unstilled rally in the DXY

The US avoided a government shutdown coupled with a robust JOLTS report, spurring further gains in US interest rates and helping underpin the dollar above 107 at the start of the new quarter. Well, the temporary funding by the government seems to remain a postponement of a potential crisis.

The bill’s provision for a 45-day government funding extension signals the need for renewed, in-depth deliberations within both houses of Congress – the Senate and the House of Representatives. The objective is to prevent the looming possibility of another government shutdown. However, in the absence of an agreement by November 17, the consequences will be felt by a significant number of federal employees, including approximately two million military personnel and over two million civilian workers nationwide, who will once again experience delayed paychecks.

A failure to pass the bill again can raise concerns about the United States’ creditworthiness. If there are doubts about the government’s ability to meet its debt obligations, it can lead to downgrades in the country’s credit rating. A lower credit rating can potentially lead to higher borrowing costs for the government and weaken the dollar.

Will the DXY surpass the 108-level mark, or has it peaked?

From June 2023 till August 2023, inflation across all major segments like food, shelter, energy, etc. except transportation has softened. That apart, Americans except the wealthiest 20% of the country have run out of extra savings and now have less cash on hand than they did when the pandemic began. The data indicates a reduction in the available disposable incomes for American consumers. Despite their strong resilience, which has contributed to robust economic growth this year and prevented the anticipated recession, there are concerns that a potential economic downturn could still occur as households deplete their savings.

Fewer Savings >> Less Spending >> Reduced inflation >> Less Hawkish Fed >> Softer Dollar.

Hence, the upside is limited in the DXY, and going further we could expect Fiat to fall towards 105-103.50 levels.

Euro’s fate is in the hands of the ECB. What does the economic meter say?

With core Inflation slumping to a one-year low of 4.5% in September, the Euro’s fate lies in the hands of the ECB, bolstering anticipations of rate stability as the ECB evaluates the Impact of recent hikes. Headline inflation has also moderated to 4.3% from 5.2%, reflecting a drop in energy costs and a significant slowdown in services. Despite these trends, both measures remain well above the ECB’s 2% target, signalling continued elevated borrowing costs. While neither investors nor economists anticipate additional ECB rate hikes, some policymakers suggest that unforeseen shocks, such as oil prices hitting \$100 a barrel, could warrant further action. This situation parallels that of the U.S., where the Fed has hinted at the potential peak in interest rates, while economic challenges persist in the eurozone, reinforcing the case for the ECB to pause its tightening measures. **However, rising wages may complicate the path to disinflation, and a clearer picture of price dynamics may not emerge until 2024, keeping the Euro ECB dependent. However, an oversold state seems to take a pause and the pair is likely to move towards 1.0650 levels. On the downside, the support zone lies near 1.0350-1.04 levels.**

The Sterling is selling heavily- More to go or to reverse?

The British pound has been slipping after US-specific factors dominated the macroeconomic environment. First up, UK services PMI data is expected to show a sharp contraction, marking the sharpest slowdown as customers rein in spending due to higher borrowing costs and subdued business confidence. The data adds to mounting evidence that the UK economy contracted in the third quarter and could be heading for a recession in the second half of the year. With inflation cooling and concerns rising over a prolonged economic slowdown, the market is convinced that the BoE has reached the end of its hiking cycle, which is keeping pressure on the pound. However, despite hawkish efforts from the BoE’s members, the pound remains on the back foot although cumulative rate cuts for December 2024 have been trimmed back from 25bps to 18.66bps at present. **Well, as nothing remains overvalued or undervalued for a longer period, GBP too will have its share of relief after an untiring sell-off. However, it is in the overall bearish trend until it climbs above 1.2270, the support lies near 1.1990 post which the pound is likely to reverse upwards.**

Changing Dynamics - Currencies Fate in the Hands of Macros!

The Rupee concurs to emerge as the most stable among all!

The Basket of Emerging market currencies has weakened by over 5% in the past two months. However, the commendable resilience of the Rupee is making it shine among all being the least depreciated currency.





Changing Dynamics - Currencies Fate in the Hands of Macros!

Currencies	01-08-2023	04-10-2023	3-Month (% change)
Brazil Real	4.72	5.17	-9.53%
Thai Baht	34.24	37.11	-8.38%
South African Rand	17.88	19.33	-8.11%
Mexican Peso	16.76	18.06	-7.76%
Korean Won	1279.25	1360.94	-6.39%
Malaysian Ringgit	4.51	4.73	-4.88%
Indonesia Rupiah	15096.00	15620.30	-3.47%
Singapore Dollar	1.33	1.37	-3.01%
Chinese Yuan	7.11	7.30	-2.67%
Turkish Lira	26.95	27.56	-2.26%
India Rupee	82.28	83.22	-1.14%
Average			-5.24%
DXY	102	107	4.90%

India's Rupee is propelled by strong domestic fundamentals, strategic RBI interventions, increased foreign direct investment inflows, and a boost from India's inclusion in JPMorgan's emerging market debt index which is poised to attract significant investment, potentially providing vital financing for India's current account and fiscal deficits. On the financial front, both corporations and financial institutions are actively raising funds through debt instruments. This surge in investor sentiment, coupled with JPMorgan's bond inclusion news and robust fundraising activities.

RBI FX Reserves	USD Bn
Aug-23	603.87
Sep-23	590.7
Net Change	-13.17

India's foreign exchange reserves have fallen by \$13 billion to

\$590.70 billion in the past 2 months. Even if the revaluation of FCAs considers the impact of currency movements like the euro, pound, and yen against the US dollar within the foreign exchange reserves which account for nearly 67%, the net intervention could be said for roughly \$5 billion.

The optimism generated by JPMorgan's decision, RBI Intervention, and the ongoing fundraising by corporations and banks could drive **the rupee toward 82.80 once it surpasses the 83.00 level. However, it's worth noting that any potential losses are likely to be contained within the range of 83.25 to 83.30-83.50 zone, thanks to significant intervention by the RBI.**

In our assessment, if USDINR remains below 83.30 with the RBI's vigilant hold, there is potential for the Rupee to appreciate toward levels around 82.50 by the end of December.

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Annual General Meeting

69th Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Council was held at "The Seminar Room", The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council, Mumbai on 27th September 2023.

Owing to the requests from many outstation members, the Council also facilitated the participation of members at the 69th AGM held in Mumbai via zoom link.





Meeting of Trade Bodies with International Banks Association (IBA) Working Group on the bilateral payment through the International Trade Settlement in INR i.e Special Rupee Vostro Account -SRVA mechanism

A virtual meeting was organised by the IBA Working Group with Trade Bodies on 25th August, 2023 to discuss on the bilateral Rupee trade settlement i.e. Special Rupee Vostro Account (SRVA) mechanism. This meeting was attended by Shri Shailesh Martis, Additional Director, Shri Rajesh Satam, Joint Director and Ms. Sybil Marques, Joint Director of TEXPROCIL.

Some of the issues/suggestions made by the Council are as follows:

- Bank of Baroda (Botswana) Ltd., which has been operating in Botswana with four branches, have already opened the VOSTRO accounts for settlement of international trade transactions in INR. However, they have not yet started any transactions to settle in INR as the permission from the regulatory authority of Botswana is still pending. Requested IBA to look into the matter.
- As concerns with banking and finance, it was informed that there is lack of awareness about Rupee/Ruble trade on both Indian and Russian side. Despite opening of SBER Bank in the country, the Indian companies are yet facing compliance issues such as issuance of BRC by the bank. In this regard, IBA was suggested to direct AD Banks to inform all the banking branches regarding the SRVA.
- Though the Rupee trade settlement is eligible for all export benefits, the banks refuse to accept claims for such export transactions.

During the meeting, following issues were raised by other Trade Bodies –

- List of Authorised Dealer (AD) Banks dealing in SRVA mechanism may be made available in public domain.
- Exporters have shown reluctance in using the Rupee trade settlement as most of them hedge their inward remittances.
- AD banks are extending SRVA services to their customers though they can extend the same to others based on transactions. Despite guidelines not mandating opening new account with AD Banks, yet these banks insist the same as part of procedural requirements for risk mitigation.

Further, with regard to the above suggestions / issues, IBA informed that –

- For the Rupee trade settlement in Botswana, the exporters need to approach Bank of Baroda as they are the AD bank for export transactions in that country.
- Exporters should find alternate SRVA banks in Russia to SBER Bank as this bank is under sanctions and is not able to provide compliances under Export Data Processing and Monitoring System (EDPMS) such as issuance of BRCs.
- The foreign banks need to communicate clearly whether settlement will be made through SRVA mechanism or as freely convertible foreign bonds in any currency.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

Interactive Meeting of EPCs / Chambers of Commerce with the RoDTEP Committee

The RoDTEP Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri G.K. Pillai, Secretary (retd.), Govt. of India and two Members including Shri Y.G. Parande, Special Secretary-cum-Member, CBIC (retd.) and Shri Gautam Ray, Chief Commissioner of Customs and Central Excise (retd.). This RoDTEP Committee will update / review the recommended ceiling rates schedules. An Order dated 13th September, 2023 has been issued by the Dept. of Revenue on the Constitution of RoDTEP Committee.

In this connection, a Meeting was convened on 26th September, 2023 at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi by Shri Santosh Sarangi, DGFT along with Members of the RODTEP Committee and EPCs / Chambers of Commerce to have an interaction on the methodology, data format and time frame under RoDTEP Scheme. TEXPROCIL delegation was led by Shri Vijaykumar Agarwal – Vice Chairman, Shri Amit Ruparelia – Past Chairman, Ms. Sybil Marques – Joint Director and Shri Rakesh Kumar Choudhary – Regional Head (Delhi) along with a representative from one of its member-exporters, M/s. Welspun Group. Other officials from the Department of Revenue and O/o DGFT were also present.

Highlights of the discussion at the RoDTEP Meeting –

- New Draft RoDTEP – Data Format (for DTA / AA / SEZ / EOU units) has been designed by the RoDTEP Committee for seeking Data from the exporters (both Manufacturer or Merchant exporter tied up with supporting Manufacturer Exporter. The Committee has advised the EPCs to confirm whether the Format is OK or if any modification is needed by 10th October, 2023 after its discussion with its members.
- After the format is finalised, a formal communication in this regard will be sent to all EPCs by the RoDTEP Committee for its dissemination among its members.

The last date for EPCs to submit the data along with supporting documents to the Dept. of Revenue is 30th November, 2023.

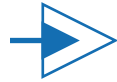
The Committee expressed its willingness to give a suitable rate for a product, provided a full-fledged data is submitted to them.

The existing RoDTEP rates have been extended for exports made from 1st October, 2023 to 30th June, 2024.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Smt. Capt. Kapil Chaudhary, Joint Secretary (Drawback), CBIC.



Policy Updates



Important Notifications on Policies & Procedures



Kindly get in touch with TEXPROCIL Grievance Redressal Cell for any clarifications, if required, on the herein shared notifications issued recently by the Council. The Member companies are appealed by the Council to send their suggestions sought on the various issues.



(A) Roll out of Mobile X-ray Container Scanners (MXCS) installed at APMT and NSICT/DP World Terminals and working hours of MXCS at NSICT/DP World (Scan Mode-M2) and APMT (Scan Mode-M3)

In partial modification to working hours of MXCS, it is envisaged by JNCH vide Public Notice No.80/2023 dated 20.9.2023 that –

- MXCS installed at APMT shall be operational during 24 x 7 w.e.f. 20.9.2023.
- In case of PMI (Preventive Maintenance Inspection) or any breakdown, containers selected for scanning at MXCS/ APMT will invariably be diverted to MXCS at JNPT/NSICT, DTCS at BMCT or PUB as per convenience of trade without any endorsement from Customs.

Link of the Circular: (https://texprocil.org/circular/1695465613-Eserve-225_of_2023.pdf)

(B) DGFT de-lists agencies authorized to issue Certificates of Origin (Non-Preferential) from Appendix 2E of FTP, 2023

DGFT has de-listed some agencies who were earlier authorized to issue Certificates of Origin (Non-Preferential) from Appendix 2E of FTP, 2023. These agencies failed to respond to the DGFT or initiate any action for on-boarding on the e-CoO platform despite reminders and follow-ups.

Link of the Circular: (https://texprocil.org/circular/1695465476-Eserve-222_of_2023.pdf)

(C) O/o Textile Commissioner, Mumbai has opened the window for submission of JIT request - 5th IMSC condoned cases under ATUFS

Concerned units which received condonation for the delay for various timelines and not yet submitted the JIT request may submit the same in i-TUFS Portal immediately. Necessary provision has been made in the i-TUFS Portal for submitting JIT request. These requests may be submitted within the prescribed timeline i.e. on or before 19.12.2023. No further relaxation will be allowed hereafter.

Link of the Circular: (https://texprocil.org/circular/1695465674-Eserve-226_of_2023.pdf)

(D) CBIC implements Ex-Bond Shipping Bill in ICES 1.5

CBIC vide Circular No.22/2023-Customs dated 19.9.2023 has implemented Ex-Bond Shipping Bill in Indian Customs EDI System (ICES) 1.5.

Link of the Circular: (https://texprocil.org/circular/1695465446-Eserve-221_of_2023.pdf)

(E) Amnesty Scheme for One Time Settlement of default in export obligation by Advance and EPCG Authorisation holders

The deadline for registration to avail 'Amnesty Scheme for one time settlement of default in export obligation by Advance / EPCG Authorisation holders has been extended to 31.12.2023. The date of duty payment and interest is also extended to 31.3.2024. JNCH has prescribed procedures vide Public Notice No.76/2023 dated 5.9.2023 to be followed by importers for availing the Amnesty Scheme.

Link of the Circular: (https://texprocil.org/circular/1695465356-Eserve-219_of_2023.pdf)

(F) CBIC amends Notification No.50/2017-Customs dated 30.06.2017 to modify Customs duty exemption provided to textile machineries

CBIC vide Notification No.52/2023-Customs dated 5.9.2023 has revised the technical parameters (speed of Shuttleless looms) from Revolution Per Minute (RPM) to Meters Per Minute (MPM). The Council thanks the Government for revising the technical parameters.

Link of the Circular: (https://texprocil.org/circular/1695465336-Eserve-218_of_2023.pdf)

(G) Pre & Post Shipment Export Credit and Packing Credit in Foreign Currency (PCFC) for E-Commerce Exports

As you may be aware, FTP 2023 has encouraged 'Promoting Cross Border Trade in Digital Economy'. The Govt. has been raising awareness programmes to promote exports through e-commerce mediums. Even, the Government held consultations with industry representatives, exporters and nodal Departments on

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outstanding issues related to E-Commerce exports. One such issue flagged was the unavailability of Pre and Post shipment export credit for E-Commerce exports. To bring about a clarity on this issue, consultations were held with RBI.

During consultations with RBI, it was clarified that “Master Circular on Rupee / Foreign Currency Export Credit and Customer Service to Exporters” furnishes a comprehensive framework, allowing for access to Pre and Post shipment export credit and PCFC to all eligible exporters which do not preclude E-Commerce Exporters. Therefore, Banking and financial institutions concerned have been requested to encourage and extend Pre and Post Shipment Export Credit and Packing Credit Loan in Foreign Currency to E-Commerce exports based on the extant guidelines issued by RBI. In this regard, DGFT has issued Trade Notice No. 26/2023-24 dated 04.09.2023.

Link of the Circular: (https://texprocil.org/circular/1695465181-Eserve-214_of_2023.pdf)

(H) Procedure for Back to Town (BTT) of Export Cargo from JNCH

Subsequent to issuance of JNCH Public Notice No.1/2023 dated 5.1.2023 which provided detailed guidelines for BTT of the Export Cargo, JNCH received various representations for relaxing the examination norms in BTT cases.

In supersession of Public Notice No.01/2023 dated 5.1.2023, under the aegis of Nhava Sheva Export Encouragement Vision (NEEV), the BTT procedure is amended and relaxed to the extent after detailed deliberation with stakeholder. In this regard, JNCH has issued Public Notice No.75/2023 dated 31.8.2023.

Link of the Circular: (https://texprocil.org/circular/1695465142-Eserve-213_of_2023.pdf)

(I) Monthly workshops on Cross-border E-Commerce

Para 9.07 of FTP 2023 has mandated to handhold and conduct outreach programmes to promote commerce exports. In addition to increasing awareness about e-commerce-related rules and processes, actions for capacity building and skill development for the promotion of exports through online mediums is also mandated. In this regard, O/o DGFT has proposed monthly workshops on E-Commerce Exports vide Trade

Notice No.25/2023-24 dated 01.09.2023.

Link of the Circular: (https://texprocil.org/circular/1695465101-Eserve-212_of_2023.pdf)

(J) Textiles Ministry extends the date of inviting applications for Textiles under PLI Scheme till 31st October, 2023

Based on the requests received from the industry stakeholders, the Textiles Ministry has further extended the date of inviting fresh applications under the Product Linked Incentive Scheme for Textiles upto 31.10.2023. In this regard, refer to Press Release dated 31.8.2023 issued by the Textiles Ministry.

Link of the Circular: (https://texprocil.org/circular/1695465062-Eserve-211_of_2023.pdf)

(K) Faceless Assessment – Creation of facilitation Helpdesk

JNCH has issued Public Notice No.74/2023 dated 25.8.2023 informing about the appointment of Smt. Mamta Saini, Addl. Commissioner of Customs, TSK, NS-III, JNCH (Email: mamtasaini.irs@gov.in / Contact No.022-2724470) as Nodal Officer to serve as a single point for the escalation of the grievance related to clearance of Bills of Entry filed at JNCH requiring urgent attention.

Link of the Circular: (https://texprocil.org/circular/1695465035-Eserve-210_of_2023.pdf)

(L) Launch of e-SAMADHAAN portal by JNCH for redressal of grievances pertaining to exports

Several grievances were received by JNCH on various issues related to exports from Exporters/Customs Brokers on a daily basis through various modes viz. letters/ emails/ individual stakeholders visiting the concerned sections personally etc. After a comprehensive study of types of issues raised by the stakeholders in these grievances, it was noticed that one of the main reasons for such grievances is lack of precise information on the part of the stakeholders.

In order to streamline these grievances and address them effectively within a timeline, JNCH vide its Public Notice No.73/2023 dated 25.8.2023 has launched an online portal ‘e-SAMADHAAN’.

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Link of the Circular: (https://texprocil.org/circular/1695465005-Eserve-209_of_2023.pdf)

(M) Extension of the Cotton Quality Control Order 2023 upto 27th August, 2024

Ministry of Textiles vide S.O. 3830(E) dated 28.8.2023 has extended the date of implementation of the Cotton Bales (Quality Control) Order, 2023. It shall come into force on 27th August, 2024. This Order may be called the Cotton Bales (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2023. In this connection, the Council had represented to the Ministry of Textiles for further extension in the implementation of the Cotton Bales (Quality Control) Order, 2023 till the industry is prepared for its compliance. The Council thanks the Government for extending the date of implementation of the QCO.

Link of the Circular: (https://texprocil.org/circular/1695464976-Eserve-208_of_2023.pdf)

(N) Registration of MSMEs on the Udyam Portal

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has launched Udyam Registration drive all over the country for MSMEs to register on the Udyam portal. Hence, MSMEs may kindly register on the Udyam Portal to avail the benefits of Schemes / Programmes of this Ministry. Registration link: <https://udyamregistration.gov.in/Government-India/Ministry-MSME-registration.htm>

Link of the Circular: (https://texprocil.org/circular/1695464935-Eserve-207_of_2023.pdf)

(O) Implementation of the DGFT Trade Notice No.7/2023-24 dated 8.6.2023 in reference to the pre-import condition under Advance Authorisation Scheme

Reference is drawn to DGFT Trade Notice No.7/2023-24 dated 8.6.2023 according to which all imports made under AA Scheme during the period between 13.10.2017 to 9.1.2019 which could not meet the 'pre-import condition' may be regularized by making payments as prescribed in CBIC Circular No.16/2023 dated 7.6.2023.

O/o DGFT has noticed that its RAs are facing difficulties in determining the treatment to be given for certain export-import scenarios in respect of AA issued during the period between 13.10.2017 to 9.1.2019. In this

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connection, the issues raised are accordingly clarified by DGFT vide Trade Notice No.27/2023 dated 25.9.2023.

Link of the Circular: (<https://tinyurl.com/4ykmxxth>).

(P) DGFT extends the existing RoDTEP Scheme for exports made from 1st October, 2023 till 30th June, 2024

The existing RoDTEP rates for all the items covered under RoDTEP will be applicable for exports made from 1st October, 2023 to 30th June, 2024 vide DGFT Notification No.33/2023 dated 26th September, 2023. However, it would be subject to the budgetary framework as provided under Para 4.54 of FTP 2023 so that the remissions for the current financial year are managed within the approved Budget of the Scheme. The Council thanks the Government for extending the RoDTEP Scheme till 30th June, 2024.

Link of the Circular: (<https://tinyurl.com/4m4nzb3x>)

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Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal
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REVISED MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FEE for FY 2023-2024

Dear Member,

We take this opportunity to thank all our members for their continued support to TEXPROCIL which has helped to effectively promote exports of cotton textiles from India to over 150 countries worldwide. The timely remittance of Membership fees by our member exporters has motivated the Council to serve its members by exploring new markets, undertaking policy advocacy, and disseminating timely information.

The present membership fee being charged by the Council has not been increased during the last six (6) years while the inflation has increased many fold during this period thereby increasing costs all around.

Keeping in view these facts, it has become necessary to increase the membership fee of the Council also so that we may be able to sustain and enhance the quality of the services delivered to the members.

The revised membership fees are as follows:

RENEWAL FEES FOR EXISTING EXPORTERS:			
Type of Membership	Amount (Rs.)	GST @ 18% (Rs.)	Total Amount (Rs.)
Member (with Voting Right)	14000	2520	16520
Registered Textile Exporter	8000	1440	9440

REGISTRATION FEES FOR NEW EXPORTERS:			
Type of Membership	Amount (Rs.)	GST @ 18% (Rs.)	Total Amount (Rs.)
Member (with Voting Right (including Rs.6000/- as Entrance Fee)	20000	3600	23600
Registered Textile Exporter (including Rs.3000/- as Entrance Fee)	11000	1980	12980

Kindly note that it is now mandatory for all exporters to file registration/renewal/ amendment of RCMC through the e-RCMC Module on DGFT Portal www.dgft.gov.in

Accordingly, the process of 'Renewal of RCMC' for the year 2023-2024 can be done at the DGFT portal and pay the renewal fees mentioned above in the portal.

Steps for Renewal of Membership (Renewal of e-RCMC):

- Go to DGFT Website - <https://www.dgft.gov.in>
- Click on the Login button and log in by using your username and password
- Go to - Services > e-RCMC > Renewal of RCMC
- Complete the details in each tab and go ahead by pressing "Save and Next"
- At the end, the application needs to be signed digitally by DSC or Aadhar e-sign.
- After signing of the application, the payment of renewal subscription needs to be done and click on 'Submit' to submit the application.

Please feel free to contact us for any clarification or any guidance required from us by calling on 91-22-49444000 or sending emails to info@texprocil.org, rukshana@texprocil.org or smita@texprocil.org

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3.	RD value	76+	76+
4.	Fibre strength	30.5 (± 1.5) ** g/tex	29.5 (± 1.5) ** g/tex
5.	Uniformity index	84% or more	83% or more
6.	Trash	2% or below	2% or below
7.	Moisture content	8% or below	8% or below



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