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## HMOT Meeting of Stakeholders in New Delhi



Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Smt Smriti Zubin Irani  
(Seen in above pic. 2nd from Right) being briefed about industry situation  
by Shri Ujwal Lahoti Chairman, TEXPROCIL (Seen 3rd from left)

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

This issue of the Newsletter is a combined issue focussing on the events during the period April 15, to May 15, 2018.

India's merchandise exports during 2017-18 are valued at US \$ 302.84 billion registering a growth of 9.78 per cent in dollar terms vis-à-vis 2016-17. While one may cheer that exports have crossed the US \$ 300 billion after two years of subdued performance, it has been a cause of concern for exporters and policy makers as the ratio of merchandise exports to gross domestic product (GDP) is at 11.6% recording a 14-year low.

As per the provisional data released by the DGFT, during the F.Y 2017-18, the exports of Cotton Textiles have recorded a growth of 6.08% achieving a level of US \$ 10.79 billion as against a level of US \$ 10.17 billion in F.Y 2016-17.

However, garment exports have recorded decline of -3.81% reaching a level of US \$ 16.70 billion in F.Y.2017-18 as against a level of US \$ 17.37 billion in F.Y.2016-17.

The disappointing export performance can be attributed to various factors including the unforeseen disruptions caused by the implementation of GST. The delay in getting GST refunds, along with the cost of blocked capital and the interest cost has put severe pressure on the exporter's finances.

Friends, our interactions with the Government at various forums indicates that there is an all-round sense of worry as export growth along with investment remains the key for higher GDP growth. On its part, the Council actively advocated various issues affecting exports at all the available forums during the month gone by like the "Farm to Fashion Summit 2018" held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat from 4-6 May 2018 at the meeting of the DGFT Panel set up on formulating "Alternate Scheme for Exports" by the Ministry of

Commerce, making representations to the highest offices for expanding the scope of ROSL, etc.

As we write this column, we are happy to inform you that the Government of India, O/o the DGFT has extended the MEIS Scheme beyond 30th June 2018 vide Public Notice 07/2015-2020 dated 11.05.2018. This is a welcome step as it puts to rest uncertainty in the trade and industry.

### Farm to Fashion Summit 2018

The Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI) and Maskati Cloth Market Mahajan organised the 'Farm to Fashion - Indian Textile Global Summit 2018', during May 4-6, 2018 at Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The Summit was inaugurated by Union Commerce and Industry Minister, Shri Suresh Prabhu who stressed on the need to promote the textile industry to give a boost to the manufacturing sector. Hon'ble Minister stated that the manufacturing sector contributes only 16 percent

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

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to the country's GDP, at present which is not enough for a sustainable economy. It is therefore necessary to scale up the Textile sub-sector's contribution to the manufacturing sector by exploring new markets for Indian fabrics, garments and apparels in order to boost exports.

During the Summit, I had the occasion to present my views as a panellist at the session on "Yarn Industry - Growth driven by Innovation and Value Addition" and gave suggestions on the steps necessary to ensure that India retains its position as a numero uno supplier of cotton yarn to the world.

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

On the side lines of the Forum, I met the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Suresh Prabhu and apprised him of the issues affecting textile exports. He appreciated the concerns and stated that Government is committed to help the exporters in all possible manner. Accordingly, we are following up various matters of export growth with his office.

### Rejuvenating Export Growth

In order to rejuvenate textile exports, we attended a meeting at the Prime Minister's office on 21st April 2018 to discuss extension of ROSL Scheme to Fabrics sector. The response at the highest levels was very positive and it is hoped that favourable decision is taken in this regard.

The Technical Advisory – cum – Monitoring Committee (TAMC) of the Office of the Textile Commissioner also held its meeting on 4.05.2018 and progressively introduced many reforms including doing away with the requirement of ISO 9000 certification for enlistment of textile machinery manufacturers; recommending the inclusion of "standalone embroidery units" under garment/apparel/made-up segment of ATUFS; and placing the indicative

list of around 1700 textile machinery manufacturers enlisted under ATUFS on the website of [txcindia.gov.in](http://txcindia.gov.in).

All these steps aimed at "easing the doing of business" should boost the investments in our sector.

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

Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, and the Secretary, Ministry of Textiles also held a meeting with Industry representatives from all sectors on 9th May 2018 to discuss various issues including the enhancement of rates of ROSL, alternate schemes and duty drawback rates. The HMOT assured all the members that the Government would extend full support in ensuring that export benefits are not curtailed and all the taxes are reimbursed through ROSL and Drawback rates. Towards this end, the industry and trade was advised to submit data urgently to the HMOT so that it could be forwarded to the concerned Ministries of Commerce & Finance for favourable consideration. Accordingly, Texprocil has submitted the data on "embedded taxes" for cotton yarn, fabrics and made-ups to the HMOT.

### MOC Panel under DGFT

With the US questioning India's export subsidies at the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the Government has speedily set itself on identifying alternative ways to support exporters without facing challenges at the multilateral forum.

A Committee has been set up under the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) to look into the existing export promotion schemes and suggest alternatives. Texprocil has also been included as a member of the Committee. The idea is to identify the non-compatible provisions and to look for alternatives schemes which are in line with the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (ASCM).

In case members have any suggestions in this regard, they may forward it to the Council on an urgent basis as the said Committee is expected to submit its report in two months.

### Way forward

Friends, the time is right for not staying confined to a "business as usual" approach but look at some "breakthrough" ideas, which can help us make a paradigm shift in our sector. The Council, on its part, has been representing to the Government on various matters of interest to the textile exporters including increasing the rates of drawback and higher rebate of state levies. In this connection the Council held several segment-wise meetings of its member exporters at its H.O. in Mumbai in order to compile the relevant data to support our claims.

As we continue to work on the reforms, we appeal to the government to expeditiously announce the rollover of the already operational schemes from the present deadline of June 2018 till March 2019. The exporters are being constrained largely due to increased input costs on account of blocked capital for the want of timely GST refunds and other government dues. To enable exports to be globally competitive there is a need to zero-rate our exports for taxes and speedily devise WTO compliant alternate schemes to reimburse exporters their justified dues along with increasing Drawback and ROSL rates. One must understand that if and only if the stakeholders are well facilitated, can the industry become globally competitive and become world leaders.

**Ujwal R Lahoti**  
Chairman

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## COVER STORY

HMOT Meeting of Stakeholders on SAMARTH Scheme  
New Delhi - May 9, 2018

A meeting of stakeholders on Samarth – Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector under the Skill India Mission was held in New Delhi on May 9, 2018 to familiarize the stakeholders about the scheme and its guidelines.

The broad objective of the new scheme is to skill the youth for gainful and sustainable employment in the textile sector covering the entire value chain of textiles, excluding spinning and weaving.

The scheme, approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on 20th of December last year, is intended to provide demand driven, placement oriented National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF)

compliant skilling programmes to incentivize and supplement the efforts of the industry in creating jobs in the textiles sectors. The scheme targets to train 10 lakh persons (9 lakh in organised and 1 lakh in traditional sector) over a period of 3 years (2017-20), with an outlay of Rs. 1300 crore. The guidelines of the scheme were released on 23rd of April 2018.

### Introduction

The textile and apparel industries is one of the earliest industries developed in India. Its entire value chain from fibre to apparel manufacturing has a strong presence within the country. It is the biggest employer after agriculture. In order to meet the skill gap within the industry and also to supplement its efforts initiated through the Special Package for Garments and Madeups, the Government has approved the new scheme titled “Scheme for Capacity Building in Textiles Sector (SCBTS)” for the entire value chain of textiles except Spinning and Weaving in the organized sector, for a period of three years from 2017-18 to 2019-20 with an outlay of Rs. 1300 crore.

The “Scheme for Capacity Building in Textiles Sector (SCBTS)” shall be known by the name “Samarth”, signifying the broad objective of the scheme to skill the youth for gainful and sustainable employment in the textile sector.

### Objectives of the Scheme

- (i) To provide demand driven, placement oriented National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) compliant skilling programmes to incentivize and supplement the efforts of the industry in creating jobs in the organized textile and related sectors, covering the entire value chain of textiles, excluding Spinning and Weaving.
- (ii) To promote skilling and skill upgradation in the traditional sectors of jute, handlooms, handicrafts and sericulture.
- (iii) To enable provision of sustainable livelihood either by wage or self-employment to all sections of the society throughout the Country.



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## HMOT Meeting of Stakeholders on SAMARTH Scheme New Delhi - May 9, 2018

### Institutional Mechanism

Towards supervision, planning, monitoring, implementation, evaluation and grievance redressal related to the scheme, various committees have been constituted and authorities been assigned including the Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC), Empowered Committee (EC), Division In-charge "Samarth", Project Management Unit (PMU), Resource Support Agency (RSA), and Proposal Evaluation Committee (PEC).

### Implementation Framework

Overall framework for implementation including costing for the capacity building programmes will be in alignment with the broad policy framework for skill development viz. Common Norms, National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF), etc. adopted by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). The scheme will include Entry level courses and Training of Trainers programmes.

The skilling programmes will be implemented through a list of specified Implementation Agencies (IAs), whose selection parameters, approval of Training Centres and their Branding Support have been detailed in the RESOLUTION been adopted for the Scheme.

### Mobilization & Selection of Trainees

The implementation agencies will be responsible for mobilization and selection of the trainees, keeping in view the requirement of the industry and other stakeholders in a transparent manner by giving opportunity for all willing persons. Preference will be given to marginalized social groups like women, SC/ST, differently abled persons, minorities, persons from BPL category, and 115 aspirational districts notified by the NITI Aayog. In addition the Ministry will operationalise a web and Mobile

App based platform where also the interested candidates can indicate their willingness to undergo training.

### Placement & Post Placement Tracking

The implementing agencies would take all the steps to partner with industry and obtain commitment of the industrial units for employment of the successfully trained candidates. Each candidate will be tracked by IA for a period of one year from the date of certification of training. IAs will upload details on Monitoring and Management information System (MIS) which will have a structured grievance redressal facility to register grievance of any stakeholders on web and the same shall meet redressal within prescribed timelines.

### Online Details of SAMARTH

Detailed "Guidelines of SAMARTH: Scheme for Capacity Building in Textiles Sector (SCBTS)" are available under the "Schemes" section of the Ministry of Textiles website and can be downloaded on the website link: <http://texmin.nic.in/sites/default/files/SCBTS-Guidelines.pdf>

### Meeting to familiarize the stakeholders

The meeting to familiarize the stakeholders was held in New Delhi on May 9, 2018 and was chaired by Union Minister of Textiles, Smt Smriti Zubin Irani. Minister of State for Textiles, Shri Ajay Tamta and Secretary, Textiles, Shri Anant Kumar Singh also addressed the stakeholders. The concerns of the stakeholders and challenges faced by them during implementation of the previous scheme were discussed in the meeting. Feedback from the concerned stakeholders on how the scheme can contribute and benefit the textile industry and boost skill development in the respective sector was also discussed.

The meeting was attended by the senior officials of the Textiles Ministry, institutions and organizations under it, representatives of textile industry, State Governments, training institutions among others.

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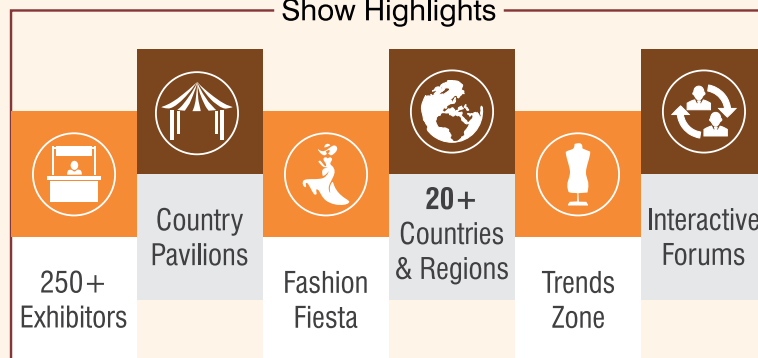


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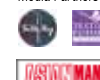
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## TRADE FACILITATION

## HMOT Meeting of Stakeholders on SAMARTH Scheme New Delhi - May 9, 2018



Hon'ble Minister of Textiles  
Smt Smriti Zubin Irani  
chaired the meeting  
of Stakeholders on  
'Samarth'- Scheme  
in New Delhi on  
May 9 2018



Hon'ble Minister of Textiles,  
**Smt Smriti Zubin Irani**  
(Seen in above pic. extreme Right) in a  
discussion with industry captains at the  
Meeting on Samarth Scheme.



Hon'ble Minister of Textiles,  
was accompanied by  
**Shri Ajay Tamta**,  
Minister of State for Textiles  
(Seen in left pic. extreme Right)

## TEXPROCIL - E&Y Presentation on "Reimbursement of Embedded Taxes"



TEXPROCIL -  
E&Y Presentation  
on "Reimbursement  
of Embedded Taxes"  
was made to  
Ministry of Textiles  
on 11th May 2018 in  
New Delhi



A large number of  
industry captains  
attended the  
meeting and actively  
participated in  
the discussions.

**Shri Ujwal Lahoti (Right)**,  
Chairman, TEXPROCIL  
welcomes **Smt Babni Lal**  
Economic Advisor, Ministry  
of Textiles (Seen Left above )



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## TRADE PROMOTION

## MEETING WITH EXPORTERS

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SIMA organized a meeting of exporters at its premises in Coimbatore on May 5, 2018. About 40 exporters participated in the meeting. Dr. Selvaraju, Secretary General, SIMA gave an overview of the various issues faced by the Cotton textiles sector.



Shri A.Ravi Kumar, Joint Director, TEXPROCIL gave an update on the recent developments and changes in the Foreign Trade Policy, ROSL scheme, Duty Drawback scheme, GST Laws & Procedures etc. He explained in detail the procedures to be followed in getting the refund of IGST, ITC and accumulated ITC. He guided the exporters regarding steps to be taken to correct

the errors made in the GSTR1 and GSTR 3B. The participants sought clarifications on various issues. Shri A.Ravi Kumar addressed all the queries and gave suitable clarifications. Dr. Selvaraju said, SIMA will be organizing similar meetings at other centres such as Madurai, Karur and Dindigul very shortly.

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## TRADE PROMOTION

## SEMINAR ON TECHNICAL TEXTILES



### SEMINAR ON TECHNICAL TEXTILES

The Department of Handloom and Textiles, Government of Tamil Nadu & Sardar Vallabhai Patel International School of Textiles and Management held a Sectoral programme on Technical textiles in Coimbatore on May 4, 2018. The Chief Guest at the Programme was Thiru C. Munianathan, IAS, Director of Handlooms and Textiles, Government of Tamil Nadu. The programme was attended by about 80 participants.

Shri A. Ravi Kumar, Joint Director, TEXPROCIL made a Presentation on Export Promotion of Technical textiles. The presentation covered areas such as global technical textiles market overview, top importing countries of technical textiles, top export markets for technical textiles, different types of packtech products and their usages, factors driving the growth of technical textiles market – both domestic as well as overseas, Indian technical textiles market overview, major export markets for Indian technical textiles products, future domestic market projections, India's advantage in growing as a global manufacturing hub, Government schemes for technical textiles sector, State level support for technical textiles and the major challenges.

The participants sought clarifications on various aspects of technical textiles. All the queries were suitably addressed and necessary clarifications were given. Shri A. Ravi Kumar also guided the participants regarding the steps to be taken to find export markets for technical textiles.

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YES

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**Suggestions:**

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*Others (Pls. Specify):*

Accessing new Markets

Generating additional business

Making new Contacts (Trade Enquiries)

Any Others

4) How is your company benefitting from the Export Facilitation services being provided by the Council?

*Others (Pls. Specify):*

Information on Export Policy / Procedures

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Any Others

5) Have you recommended TEXPROCIL Membership to other companies? **Tick (✓)**

YES

NO

6) Do you have any other suggestions to offer regarding TEXPROCIL Member Services? *(use additional sheet if required)*

**Suggestions:**

\*Kindly ignore this feedback form, if you have already responded.

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## TRADE NOTIFICATION

## TEXPROCIL MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL RENEWAL SUBSCRIPTION

The Annual Renewal Subscription for the financial year 2018-2019 for existing members has become due for payment from 1st April, 2018, as follows:

Type of Membership	Amount (Rs.)	GST @ 18%	Total Amount (Rs.)
Member (with Voting Right)	11000/-	1980/-	12980/-
Registered Textile Exporter	6000/-	1080/-	7080/-

**Note:** GST Invoice will be issued on receipt of payment.

**For New Registration Fee Structure is as follows:-**

Type of Membership	Amount (Rs.)	GST @ 18%	Total Amount (Rs.)
Member (with Voting Right) (including Rs.6000/- as Entrance Fee)	17000/-	3060/-	20060/-
Registered Textile Exporter (including Rs.3000/- as Entrance Fee)	9000/-	1620/-	10620/-

### Note for Members:

Members are also requested to submit the CA Certificate as per the format given below certifying the Export Turnover for the financial years 2016-2017 & 2017-2018 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 2016-2017 & 2017-2018 as follows:

Sr. No.	Description	2017-2018 (Rs. FOB Value)	2016-2017 (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:**

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- [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 or DIR-12 or Board Resolution for those who have resigned and newly appointed.

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