

SRTEPC Chief pledges to achieve MMF export targets of US \$ 6.12 billion

By Our Staff Reporter

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The MMF textile fraternity and Synthetic & Rayon Textile Export Promotion Council (SRTEPC) will leave no stone unturned to achieve the export target of US\$ 6.12 billion for 2021-22 pertaining to the MMF and MMF blended textiles viz., Manmade fibre, MMF yarn, MMF fabrics and MMF made-ups.

The above assurance was given by Mr. Dhiraj Raichand Shah, Chairman SRTEPC, in a press communique, while responding to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi calls for achieving greater export heights.

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He informed that Covid pandemic has turmoiled both production and exports. The pre-covid pandemic exports during 2019-20 were US\$ 5.9 billion. During the peak covid pandemic period of 2020-21 exports have declined around 21% to US\$ 4.644 billion. However, the prevailing scenario shows some sign of improvement in exports.

As compared to the pre-covid level during April-June 2020 exports have increased around 11% only in April-June 2021, Mr. Shah informed.

In order to help the MMF textile segment achieve the above-mentioned export target, SRTEPC Chairman appeal for urgent policy-initiatives/ measures such as Announce the RoDTEP rates as early as possible and include entire MMF textile value chain under the Scheme, Timely refund the IGST and DBK benefits, Release the MEIS rewards to the exporters, facilitate affordable logistics including availability of containers and bring down the Skyrocketing freight charges.

Mr. Shah also urged the government to rectify the inverted duty structure existing in the MMF textile Segment, Entire MMF textile value chain to be covered under the PLI Scheme and threshold limit of the PLI Scheme be fixed at 20% and include entire MMF textile value chain under the Scheme, Consider Extending the Interest Equalisation Scheme through the new FTP 2021-26 and extend the benefit of the Scheme to the Yarn Segment also, Double weightage to be given for the smaller exporters while considering merits for status as Star Export Houses, LC discounting by bank for post shipment and pre acceptance in order to reduce the cost.

Most of the banks including SBI is not discounting the LCs which are even advised through them and sending the LCs for collection. This is creating huge cash flow challenge for exporters, Banks are charging hefty interest rates and bank margins during the forex transaction and government can bring some discipline and transparency, conclude the potential FTAs with EU and the UK, etc, he said.

7th National Handloom Day observed at Weavers' Service Centre in city

MUMBAI, AUG. 08—

The 7th National Handloom Day was observed at Weavers' Service Centre in Mumbai yesterday. On this day the handloom weaving community is honoured throughout the country. The contribution of this sector in the socio-economic development of this country was highlighted in the programme organized here. Weavers' Service Centre (WSC), which functions under the Development Commissioner (Handlooms) of the Ministry of Textiles, provides skill-upgradation training in disciplines such as weaving, dyeing and designing. The Mumbai Centre has three block level cluster at Yeola in Nashik, Paithan in Aurangabad and Solapur where central schemes for Skill Upgradation Training, Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata (HSS), construction of individual work-shed and lighting-unit are implemented.

The dignitaries who attended the programme at the Mumbai Centre included MLA Captain Tamil R Selvam, Revivalist Design Consultant Ms. Bela Sanghvi, who expressed satisfaction with the works done in the Centre. A few weaver-beneficiaries were also present. Discussions focused on the activities related to implementation of major initiative for development of handloom sector, like Block Level Clusters, India Handloom Brand, Handloom Mark, MUDRA Scheme, Insurance Scheme, e-commerce, e-Dhaga, GI etc. Designs and samples of products developed at the Weavers' Service Centre were exhibited.

Sandeep Kumar, Deputy Director of WSC Mumbai informed that 20 beneficiaries are provided training in each batch of the

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Handloom prodn needs to double from present level of Rs. 60K cr to Rs 125K crore in 3 years : Goyal

NEW DELHI, AUG. 08—

Union Minister of Textiles, Mr. Piyush Goyal has said that steps needs to be taken to increase the production capacities of handloom sector from existing 60 thousand crore rupees to over one lakh 25 thousand crore rupees within three years.

He added that target must be set to increase the export of handloom items from existing 2,500 crore rupees to 10,000 crore rupees in the next three years. Addressing an event on the occasion of 7th National Handloom Day here yesterday, Mr. Goyal said that nation is committed to ensure sustainable development of the handloom sector thereby empowering handloom weavers and workers financially and instilling pride in

their exquisite craftsmanship.

The minister announced that a Committee will be constituted consisting of all weavers, trainers equipment makers, marketing experts and other stake holders to recommend ways and means to achieve the objective and improve all round progress of handloom sector.

He mentioned that handloom sector has a unique place in our cultural heritage. For centuries, it has been sustained by the inter-generational transfer of weaving and designing skills. He said that it was in a Kolkata Town Hall meeting held on August 07, 1905 that the Swadeshi Movement was launched which aimed at reviving domestic products and production processes.

Mr. Goyal added that to commemorate this historical occasion, and to celebrate our handloom tradition, Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared 7th August as National Handloom Day in 2015.

In the 75th year of independence, Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi has urged all of us as a nation to buy Indian Handloom products and showcase their grandeur by associating with #MyHandloomMyPride. The minister also urged people to buy at least one handloom item in order to promote weavers and handloom sector.

Congratulating NHDC for setting up three Handloom Craft Villages at Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, Mohpara Village, District

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Golaghat, Assam and Kanihama, Budgam, Srinagar in collaboration with the respective State governments, the minister stated that it will not only provide additional attraction for the domestic and international tourists but also promote the well-known Handloom & Handicraft Products of the region leading to rise in weavers

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Texprocil appeals for early negotiations of FTAs with EU, UK and other nations

By Our Staff Reporter

MUMBAI, AUG. 08—

Mr. Manoj Kumar Patodia, Chairman, The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL), has appealed to the Government to include textiles in the priority list while negotiating FTAs with UK, Canada, Australia and the EU.

Responding to the first of its kind initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Heads of Indian Missions abroad and stakeholders of the trade and commerce sector via video

conference, Mr. Patodia said that PM's

address was very inspiring and will certainly encourage all the exporters to strive to increase exports & achieve the national target of US\$ 400 Billion in 2021-22" said.

The Prime Minister's emphasis on four points to increase exports such as increase in manufacturing, reduction in transport and logistics cost, Government walking shoulder to shoulder with the exporters and

expansion of the international markets for domestic goods will go a long way in achieving the goals of Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat, according Texprocil Chairman.

Mr. Patodia also stated that "the Prime Minister's personal intervention will ensure that all the Indian Missions abroad will actively participate along-with the Export Promotion Councils in ensuring that the target set for each importing country is achieved by promoting India's

products with the overseas buyers."

As pointed out by some of the Ambassadors of Indian Missions abroad the acute shortage of containers and the need for greater focus on logistics development were emerging as major challenges. Mr. Patodia urged the Government to step in urgently to address the issue of container shortages faced by the exporters which is turning out to be very serious day by day.

Logistics is the key export issue: PDEXCIL Chief

By Our Staff Reporter

MUMBAI, AUG. 08—

The commencement of railways network with Bangladesh will definitely give

a momentum to trade between both the countries. Bangladesh is an important market for powerloom fabrics and this initiative is very helpful for small exporters as it will positively reduce the delivery time and logistics' cost, according to Mr.

M. A. Ramasamy, Chairman, Powerloom Development Export Promotion Council (PDEXCIL).

Stating that logistics was one of the main issues of export, PDEXCIL Chairman noted that the recent interaction of Ambassadors from various countries with PM such as Bangladesh, UK, China, UAE, USA etc. informing him about the scenario of trade between the

respective countries and major issues faced by them, will help in resolving many trade related issues with respective countries.

Mr. Ramasamy said that powerloom was representing MSME sector of India and the council was hopeful that the Government would support it by optimum rate of RoDTEP rates for powerloom products, increase of subsidy under ATUFs and

beneficial FTA negotiations with respective countries for fabrics and made ups'.

He emphasised that PDEXCIL supports the clarion call of our Prime Minister for 'Local Goes Global - Make in India for the World'. Every effort of Prime Minister will help powerloom and MSMEs sector to export their products worldwide, he added.

Exports to help achieve inclusive growth: AEPC Chief

NEW DELHI, AUG. 08—

Hailing Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi for laying down a roadmap for Indian exports, Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) Chairman Dr A Sakthivel said that exports can help raise the income of farmers and artisans of India.

"Prime Minister's assurance of complete support has invigorated the exporters who will go the extra mile to

achieve the target of \$400 billion merchandise exports this fiscal." Dr Sakthivel said after participating in the virtual meeting called by the Hon'ble Prime Minister with Heads of Indian Missions and stakeholders of trade and commerce.

"The Prime Minister has appropriately identified that logistics constraints and cost are the key challenges for exports. Policy intervention and

infrastructure creation are needed to resolve these issues," he said, hoping that the compliance burden comes down helping increase exports and diversify the export base.

The Chairman said that the exporters will hand hold startups, artisans and farmers to enter into the field of exports for a mutually beneficial relationship.

He said that AEPC will engage with Indian diaspora to

facilitate the country's exports.

"Exports can go a long way in helping lift not only the economy but also a large section of the population that has been finding it difficult since the outbreak of the pandemic. Exports can help achieve inclusive growth by becoming a bridge between farmers and artisans in India and the Indian diaspora abroad," Dr Sakthivel said.

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Weekly US Cotton Market Review

Average spot quotations were 19 points lower than the previous week, according to the USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service's Cotton and Tobacco Program. Quotations for the base quality of cotton (color 41, leaf 4, staple 34, mike 35-36 and 43-49, strength 27.0-28.9, and uniformity 81.0-81.9) in the seven designated markets averaged 86.31 cents per pound for the week ending Thursday, August 5, 2021.

The weekly average was down from 86.50 cents last week, but up from 59.28 cents reported the corresponding period a year ago. Daily average quotations ranged from a low of 85.72 cents Friday, July 30 to a high of 87.06 cents Thursday, August 5.

Spot transactions reported in the Daily Spot Cotton Quotations for the week ended August 5 totaled 2,301 bales. This compares to 411 reported last week and 65,659 spot transactions reported the corresponding week a year ago.

Total spot transactions for the end of the 2020-2021 marketing year were 1,386,959 bales compared to 1,620,966 bales at the end of the 2019-2020 marketing year. The ICE October settlement price ended the week at 91.17 cents, compared to 90.76 cents last week.

TEXTILE MILL

Domestic mill buyers booked a light volume of color 42 and 51, leaf 5 and better, and staple 32 and longer for January through March 2022 delivery. Mill buyers also inquired for a moderate volume of 2021-crop cotton, color 41, leaf 4, and staple 34 and longer for January through October 2022 delivery.

Yarn demand remained good and mills continued to struggle to meet product demand as labor issues continued to limit production capacity. Personal protective equipment continued to be produced for frontline workers and consumers. Demand through export channels was good. Turkish mill buyers purchased a moderate volume of color 31, leaf 3, and staple 37 for August/September shipment.

Agents for mills in Pakistan purchased a moderate volume mixed lot recap containing color mostly 41 and 51, leaf 5 and better, and staple 34 and longer for prompt shipment.

Malaysian mill buyers inquired for a moderate volume of USDA Green Card Class, color 31, leaf 3, and staple 37 for November/ December shipment. Agents for mills in Pakistan inquired for a moderate volume of color 41, leaf 4, and staple 37 for January through March 2022 shipment.

AMERICAN PIMA (AP)

Spot cotton trading was inactive. Supplies of 2020-crop were light. Demand was very good. Average local prices were steady. No forward contracting was reported. Foreign mill inquiries were moderate. Shipper prices remained firm for 2020 and 2021-crop. No new-crop sales were reported.

The COVID-19 Delta variant in key cotton foreign ports and the U.S. remains a concern. According to the Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Export Sales report 843,800 bales of Pima cotton were committed for export for the week ending July 29. This compares to 603,500 bales the previous year.

Approximately 14,600 bales were committed for the 2021 marketing year. Weather conditions were mostly hot and dry throughout the Far West. No rainfall was recorded in the San Joaquin Valley (SJV) of California. No insect pressure was reported in the region. Bolls were cracking open in Yuma, AZ. Overall, the crop continues to make good progress throughout the region.

USDA ANNOUNCES SPECIAL IMPORT QUOTA #16 FOR UPLAND COTTON AUGUST 5, 2021

The Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation announced a special import quota for upland cotton that permits importation of a quantity of upland cotton equal to one week's domestic mill use.

The quota will be established on August 12, 2021, allowing importation of 11,607,075 kilograms (53,310 bales of 480-lbs) of upland cotton. Quota number 16 will be established as of August 12, 2021 and will apply to upland cotton purchased not later than November 9, 2021 and entered into the U.S. not later than February 7, 2022.

The quota is equivalent to one week's consumption of cotton by domestic mills at the seasonally-adjusted average rate for the period March 2021 through May 2021, the most recent three months for which data are available. Future quotas, in addition to the quantity announced, will be established if price conditions warrant.

SOUTHEASTERN MARKETS

Spot cotton trading was inactive. Supplies and producer offerings were light. Demand was light. Average local spot prices were steady. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive. The COVID-19 Pandemic continues to negatively affect cotton demand and disrupt supply chains. Vaccination doses were being distributed at a steady pace.

Mostly cloudy conditions prevailed across the lower Southeast during the period. Daytime high temperatures in the low 90s cooled into the low 80s late in the week. Intermittent thundershowers brought widespread rainfall to areas throughout Alabama, the Florida Panhandle, and Georgia throughout the week. Weekly accumulated rainfall totals measured from 1 to 4 inches, with the heaviest downpours observed across the Gulf and Atlantic coastal areas. Despite the rainfall, the crop progressed under conditions that were drier than in previous weeks. Cotton is blooming and setting bolls.

In some areas, fields struggled to recover from excessive wet weather in recent weeks. In Florida, wilting plants were reported in some fields due to shallow root structures. In Alabama and Georgia, later planted fields suffered from lack of fertilizer and herbicide applications in recent weeks. Stink bugs populations were increasing.

SOUTH CENTRAL MARKETS**North Delta**

Spot cotton trading was slow. Supplies of available cotton

and demand were light. Average local spot prices were steady. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive. No forward contracting was reported. The COVID-19 Pandemic continues to negatively impact the overall global economy and supply chains.

The highly contagious Delta Variant has resulted in a spike in COVID-19 cases, which in turn has caused national, state, and local officials to reinstate policies regarding the wearing of masks in public spaces. Moderate conditions dominated the weather pattern during the week. Daytime highs dropped into the 80s, providing some relief from the extremely hot temperatures of the previous week. Overnight temperatures were in the mild 60s and 70s.

South Delta

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The spike in COVID-19 cases, due to the highly contagious Delta variant, has caused national, state, and local officials to reinstate policies regarding the wearing of masks in public spaces. A series of storm fronts brought heavy rainfall to parts of Louisiana during the week. Some areas reported as much as 7 inches of rain; most other places received from 1 to 2 inches of precipitation. The crop continued to lag about 1 week behind the five-year average for this time of the season. Insect pressure from bollworms and plant bugs was mostly light and easily control. Producers applied plant growth regulators. Some boll shedding was reported due to uncontrolled vegetative growth and excessive rainfall.

SOUTHWESTERN MARKETS**East Texas**

Spot cotton trading was slow. Supplies and producer offerings were light. Demand was good. Average local spot prices were steady. Producer interest in forward contracting was good. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive. Foreign mill inquiries were light for new crop. Interest was best from Pakistan, Taiwan, and Turkey. The COVID-19 pandemic continued to place pressure on commodity markets and shipping logistics. No cost vaccinations continued to be offered.

Masks requirements have returned for some business and government offices. Hospitalization rates increased. Harvesting preparations were stalled in the Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Valley (RGV). Daytime temperatures were in the low to mid-90s. Some areas received up to 3 inches of rainfall that left soils soft. Bolls were popping open and harvest season is nearby in the RGV. The crop remained two to three weeks behind schedule in the Upper Coast.

West Texas

Spot cotton trading was slow. Supplies and producer offerings were light. Demand was good. Average local spot prices were higher. Producer interest in forward contracting was good. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive. Foreign mill inquiries were light for new crop. Interest was best from Pakistan, Taiwan, and Turkey. The COVID-19 pandemic continued to place pressure on commodity markets and shipping logistics.

No cost vaccinations continued to be offered for citizens ages 12 and older. Hospitalization rates increased. Required masks and socially distancing mandates have returned for some commercial settings. Early in the reporting period, fieldwork was interrupted by wide-spread rainfall that brought up to three and three-fourths inches of rainfall. Daytime temperature highs were in the low 70s to upper 90s. Sunshine returned mid-week and heat units began to build.

The crop advanced and most fields had begun to bloom. Irrigation was restarted. Industry members hoped for clear and warm conditions through October so the crop can develop and maximize yield potential. Insect populations increased and treatments were applied for fleahoppers, and tarnished plant bugs where needed. Fields were monitored for bollworms. Weeds were removed by hand. Plant growth regulators were applied to help retain fruit.

WESTERN MARKETS**Desert Southwest (DSW)**

Spot cotton trading was inactive. Supplies and demand were light. Average local prices were steady. No forward contracting or domestic mill activity was reported. Foreign mill inquiries were moderate and mostly for the purpose of 2021-crop price discovery. The COVID-19 virus Delta variant cases increased throughout the region. Some locales have mask mandates back in place.

Monsoon rains helped to improve droughty conditions, but the relief was brief as daily temperatures in Arizona climbed to almost 117 degrees. Nighttime lows were in the mid-80s. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor released August 5, extreme drought conditions dissipated, leaving most areas in severe drought conditions. Preparations continued to ready equipment for harvest in Yuma, Arizona.

Setting and opening bolls exceeded the five-year average. Sunny to partly cloudy conditions were seen in New Mexico and El Paso, TX. Daytime temperatures ranged from the upper 80s to upper 90s. Sources reported that the crop made good progress and was in better than average condition.

San Joaquin Valley (SJV)

Spot cotton trading was inactive. Supplies and demand were light. Average local prices were steady. No forward contracting or domestic mill activity was reported. Foreign mill inquiries were moderate and mostly for the purpose of available supplies of 2020-crop and for 2021-crop price discovery.

The Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus cases increased in California. Some cities revived mask mandates. Triple-digit daily temperatures prevailed at the beginning of the period, with a cool down into the upper 90s late in the period. Nightly temperatures were in the 60s. No substantial amount of rain was recorded.

