

Minutes of Meeting for evolving strategies to strengthen cotton statistics across whole textile value chain (TVC)

In the interactive meeting held by Hon'ble Minister of Textiles with Textile Advisory Group on 29th May 2022, it was decided to persuade initially for getting the entire textiles units to furnish statistics in self compliance mode. The Government wishes to put trust in self- Compliance instead of regulatory mode by Government to strengthen the Value chain. The follow up meeting for evolving strategies for strengthening cotton statistics across all textile value chain with the whole vertical was held at 3:00 pm on 20.06.2022 through Video Conference mode under the chairpersonship of Ms Roop Rashi, Textile Commissioner. The list of participants is at Annexure-I.

At the outset, Textile Commissioner cordially welcomed all the participants and apprised that the existing statistics on textiles is not in good shape and also not having authoritative information from any point of value chain despite the fact that Textile Statistical Return System (TSRS) system has been developed in consultation with all the stakeholders and has been put in place since 2017. Besides this, MoT Notification dated 24th November, 2016, designated Textile Commissioner as the Statistics Officer. As a Statistical Officer, vide notification dated 26th April, 2017 Textile Commissioner has sought data from the textile industry but in vain. Ms. Usha Pralhad Pol, Deputy Director General made a presentation on the existing system and current status of statistical system. The decisions taken thereon in the meeting are given below:

- All the Association of the respective segment shall provide exact number of entities belonging to the specific segment as per their association data by 6th July, 2022 positively to the Office of Textile Commissioner. They shall also ensure maximum entities get registered at TSRS portal and also apprise timelines for completion of registration on TSRS of all the entities which are associated with them.
- The traders have also assured to give data. They should also register in the system.
- If any constraint in getting registration, it may be brought to the notice of Office of Textile Commissioner at email txctsr@gmail.com and the matter may also be placed for deliberation in the next meeting to be scheduled on 6th July 2022.
- In case of requirement for workshop in understanding of TSRS portal or filing monthly return, it may be communicated to Office of Textile Commissioner at email txctsr@gmail.com.
- All the units which are already registered on TSRS portal shall submit monthly statistical returns until for the month of June 2022 of FY 2022-23.
- All Regional Offices of Office of Textile Commissioner should make efforts to confirm the list of entities in their jurisdiction, which have been registered and have submitted monthly statistical returns until for month of June 2022 of FY 2022-23.
- Office of Textile Commissioner shall share the list of units registered with TSRS and monitor progress of response in submission of monthly statistical return preferably on daily basis.
- Office of Textile Commissioner shall also monitor progress of registration on TSRS portal on daily basis.
- DDG shall write DO to Associations for MM Filament , MM Fibre , Technical Textiles and Wool and woollen for sensitizing them about the statistical system and its necessity for the industry.

DDG assured the confidentiality of data. It is understood by all segments that authoritative data is prerequisite for not only policy but also planning both by Government as well as Industry. Hence in their own interest to strengthen the value chain all should self comply. However if that is not done than disincentives would be built in the system like no transactions with CCI or mandatory self declaration regarding Statistics for availing Govt benefits.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all the esteemed members of the group.

Annexure-I

List of Participants			
1.	Ms Roop Rashi, Textile Commissioner and Chairperson	2.	Ms Usha Prahlad Pol, Dy. Director General OTxC
3.	Shri. Atul Ganatra, President, Cotton Association of India, <i>srcplgroup@gmail.com</i>	4.	Ms Chandrima Chatterjee, Secretary General, Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI), <i>sg@citiindia.org</i>
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13.	Shri Arvind Pan, President, Saurashtra Ginners Association, <i>md@jaydeepcotton.com</i>	14.	Shri Sourav Kulkarni, Director OTxC
15.	Shri Maharnab Manna, Dy. Director OTxC		