

Minutes of meeting in regard to review the necessity of issuing Composite Textile Mill Certificate in terms of broad policy of "Ease of doing Business" adopted by the Government of India held on 11.02.2020 in the Office of the Textile Commissioner, Mumbai.

In accordance to the meeting Notice No.7(2)/2019/Comp/01 dated 06.02.2020 issued in pursuance to the Ministry of Textiles letter No.16021/0107/20199-TUFS dated 27.01.2020 regarding laying down the procedure for issuance of composite mill certificate observing the broad policy of "Ease of doing Business" adopted by the Government of India a meeting was held on 11.02.2020 at 02.30 P.M. in the Conference Hall of the Office of the Textile Commissioner, Mumbai under the Chairmanship of the Textile Commissioner. The list of participants of the meeting is enclosed at Annexure-A.

At the outset, the Textile Commissioner and the Chairman of the meeting welcomed the participants and informed about the objective for calling the meeting of the Industry Associations. He requested the participants to submit their views regarding policy to be adopted by the office of the Textile Commissioner for issuance of composite mill certificate and requirement of such certificate in terms of broad policy adopted by the Government of India of "Ease of doing Business" as well as enabling provisions through GeM for procurement of any goods and services by any Government department as per GFR-2017. He pointed out that the above certification has been introduced sometime back by the Office of the Textile Commissioner, but does not appear to be strictly in the domain of the office.

All the industry representatives present in the meeting have unanimously submitted that at present the said certificate is required from the Textile Commissioner to justify their capacity to supply quality fabrics and it is a one of the mandatory requirement of tender being issued by the Government departments/ offices and many State Governments. They informed that GeM software is still having various issues due to which most of the Government organisations are putting a mandatory clause for enclosing a composite mill certificate to justify their capacity to supply.

The representative of Indian Wool Mills Federation (IW MF) have submitted that those who are eligible in accordance to OM No.7/2/Comp/2015/Wvg./Vol.V/17 dated 31.08.2018 should be issued the composite mill certificate immediately otherwise the valid certificates at present for about 18 mills may be withdrawn till any decision in being taken by the Ministry of Textiles.

It was also requested to inform all Government organisations to withdraw the condition of mandatory requirement of Composite Mill Certificate for giving level playing field. After detailed deliberations held during the meeting the following course of action was decided.

1. In view of the strong and almost unanimous disagreement by the industry associations with the proposal of the Textile Commissioner to stop the process of issuance of Composite Mills Certificate, it was decided that a limited transition period would be allowed to the industry as well as the different Government organisations to move to a system of self-certification / GeM/ any other system acceptable to them. In the interim, the office of Textile Commissioner will issue "Composite Mill Certificates" to facilitate the Textile Industry in accordance to the OM dated 31.08.2018 till 31st December, 2020.
2. The Textile Commissioner will refer the matter to Ministry of Textiles to take-up with related Government departments of Central and State Governments to adopt their own policy for procurement of textile items as the Office of the Textile Commissioner will discontinue such certificate after 31.12.2020.
3. The currently valid certificate will be extended upto the end of the transition period. Applications under process would also be issued only upto that date and all certificates would not be valid after 31.12.2020.
4. The eligible units will be given certificate having validity till 31.12.2020 and regarding pollution control certificate, the validity of the certificate may be ascertained by the concerned department or organization, who are procuring textiles good/items. A rider to that effect would be incorporated in the certificate /notification.

List of Participants

List of participants of the meeting held on 11.02.2020 to review the necessity of issuing composite textile mill certificate.

1. Shri Moloy Chandan Chakaraborty , Textile Commissioner - Chairman
2. Shri S.P.Verma, Joint Textiles Commissioner (Technical)
3. Shri Pranav Parashar, Assistant Director
4. Shri Pranav Koradia – The Ruby Mills Limited
5. Shri L.L. Soni – Sangam (India) Limited
6. Shri K.K. Misra, Secretary General – Indian Woollen Mills Federation (IWMF)
7. Ravindra J , GM – Raymond Limited
8. Sudhir Jha – Morarjee Textile Limited
9. Deepak Kumar – The Ruby Mills Limited
10. Pradeep Sharma – Reliance Industries Limited
11. Neepak Jain – Reliance Industries Limited
12. Anish Pimputkar – Maftlal Industries Limited
13. Ankush Jain – RSWM Limited
14. Pranav Jain – Arvind Cotsyan Limited
15. Ashok S – S. Kumar Limited
16. Ramesh Khanna – Sunil Industries Limited
17. Suresh Jain – Nahar Industries
18. N. Ravindranathan – SIMA
19. R.K. Bansal – Banswara Syntex Limited
20. Shailesh Singh – Donear Industries Limited
21. Vinod G. Lath – Sunil Industries Limited
22. Rajendra Agarwal – OCM Pvt Limited & GBTL Limited
23. Raghunath MB – Mafatlal Industries Limited
24. Jayaram Patra – KKPL Limited
25. Padamchand .M. Jain – Padamchand Milapchand Jain Mills.