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TEXTILE MILLS SEEK COTTON PROCUREMENT BY CCI	The Hindu http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Coimbatore/textile-mills-seek-cotton-procurement-by-cci/article9170554.ece
<p>As the cotton season (October 2015 to September 2016) comes to an end and cotton prices have shot up to nearly Rs. 50,000 a candy, textile industry associations from different parts of the country met the Union Textile Minister Smriti Irani in New Delhi on Thursday.</p> <p>The associations sought announcement of cotton fibre security policy by the Union Government. This is one of their long-pending demands. Cotton is the main raw material for the textile industry and cotton prices, which were Rs. 33,000 a candy, increased to Rs. 55,000 a candy in July this year. The spinning mills incur Rs. 20 to Rs. 25 a kg loss and this has been the situation for the last three months. Many mills have hence cut down production. Downstream industries, including powerlooms, handlooms, and apparel, are also hit because of the increase in cotton prices.</p> <p>The textile industry is facing crisis for the last eight years now and volatility in cotton prices is one of the reasons for this, the associations pointed out. Spinning mills have not option but to buy cotton at high costs as banks extend only three-month credit limit facility.</p> <p>The associations appealed to the Textile Minister to direct the Cotton Corporation of India to procure 70 lakh to 80 lakh bales of cotton during the peak season, when the prices remain low. The corporation should then sell the cotton to the textile mills directly between May and September. The mills also urged the Government to ensure that the country has 25 per cent stock-to-use ratio. It is now 12 per cent to 15 per cent as against the world average of 91 per cent, which includes China.</p>	

<p align="center">TEXTILE INDUSTRY SEEKS COTTON FIBRE SECURITY POLICY</p>	<p align="center">Money Control http://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/textile-industry-seeks-cotton-fibre-security-policy_7552081.html</p>
<p>The textile industry has urged the Centre to come out with a cotton fibre security policy and curtail volatility in cotton prices from the coming season.</p> <p>The industry also requested the government to direct Cotton Corporation of India to procure 70 to 80 lakh bales in peak season when prices rules lower than global rates and retain cotton as buffer stock and sell this quantity only to actual users during May-September. The decision was taken unanimously by 26 textile associations of the country, as the predominantly cotton based textile industry has been facing acute crisis during the last eight years due to high volatility in prices especially during off season starting from May to September. Though the cotton year is October-September, more than 80 per cent of cotton arrives in the market during November to March. Due to financial constraints and three months credit limit facility extended by banks, spinning mills are forced to procure high cost cotton for at least five months, Southern India Mills' Association chairman (SIMA) M Sethilkumar said.</p> <p>The stagnated growth in the cotton textile industry and exports was mainly due to volatility in prices, Sethilkumar said, who was a part of the delegation which met union textile minister, Smriti Irani yesterday in Delhi.</p>	

<p align="center">TEXTILE INDUSTRY APPEALS FOR COTTON FIBRE SECURITY</p>	<p align="center">Fibre2fashion.com http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/textile-industry-appeals-for-cotton-fibre-security-191860-newsdetails.htm</p>
<p>A pan-India textile industry delegation has urged Union textiles minister Smriti Irani to announce cotton fibre security policy by extending a low cost working capital fund. The policy should also ensure adequate stock to use ratio of cotton to have a level playing field in the globalised environment. India's current stock to use ratio is 12-15 per cent.</p> <p>The 19-member delegation, which met the Union minister, was led by Tamil Nadu BJP general secretary Vanathi Srinivasan and The Southern India Mills' Association (SIMA) chairman M Senthilkumar. It included representatives from Northern India Textile Mills' Association (NITMA), Rajasthan Textile Mills' Association (RTMA), Tamil Nadu Spinning Mills Association (TASMA), South India Spinners' Association (SISPA), Indian Texpreneurs Federation (ITF), Tirupur Exporters' Association (TEA), Powerloom Development & Export Promotion Council (PDEXCIL), Andhra Pradesh Spinning Mills Association, All India Spinning Mills Association, Tamil Nadu Open End Spinning Mills Association, and All Gujarat Spinners' Association.</p> <p>Senthilkumar said that cotton fibre security is very essential as more than 80 per cent of the textile manufacturing units are in the MSME category which provides 35 million jobs directly. He stated that the cotton price which was Rs 33,000 per candy of 355 kg reached almost Rs 50,000 per candy during July 2016 thus increasing the clean cotton price up to Rs 65 per kg while the yarn price increased only by Rs 20 to Rs 30 per kg, thus making the spinning mills to incur Rs 20 to Rs 25 per kg loss during the last three months.</p>	

<p>ERICSSON TO HELP UP HANDLOOM WEAVERS GO DIGITAL</p>	<p>Fibre2fashion.com http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/ericsson-to-help-up-handloom-weavers-go-digital-191855-newsdetails.htm</p>
<p>Telecom technology major Ericsson India has launched 'Baank-e-Loom', a CSR initiative, which envisages digital development of the handloom weavers' community in Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh. The company will empower traditional handloom weavers in embracing new technologies, designs and marketing, by employing information communication technology (ICT) tools.</p> <p>According to Ericsson, the Barabanki handloom community faces several challenges like lack of information, lack of awareness, inability to market products profitably, and direct access to the market.</p> <p>As part of the Baank-e-Loom initiative, Ericsson will address these concerns of the local weaver population through ICT training and help better market their products. It will set up an ecommerce portal to market their products.</p> <p>An information resource centre, a part of the initiative will provide digital literacy, English speaking courses and digital information services to the local handloom weavers.</p>	

<p>YARN NOT SUPPLIED, 750 WEAVERS' FAMILIES LEFT WITHOUT WORK</p>	<p>The Times of India http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/hubbali/Yarn-not-supplied-750-weavers-families-left-without-work/articleshow/54595865.cms</p>
<p>BELAGAVI: The handlooms and powerlooms of 750 weavers' families have been silent for the past six months because the Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation (KHDC) has not supplied them yarn.</p> <p>The KHDC is the nodal agency which supplies different quality of yarn to weavers in the state. Due to financial crises, the agency is finding it difficult to procure yarn from Mumbai and Gujarat-based mills. Since the beginning of the financial year, the government and department of public instruction have not released Rs 20 crore and Rs 32 crore to the KHDC. Apart from this, the KHDC is finding it difficult to pay weavers who supply finished products, especially to the department of public instruction which procures textiles for free uniforms to schoolchildren.</p> <p>Officials of the KHDC claim that in spite of repeated requests, the government and DPI has not released the pending payments and available grants have been spent to procure yarns. The supply will resume only after KHDC receives Rs 52 crore that's owed to it. Also, 160 retired KHDC staffers have been waiting for gratuity for the past two years.</p> <p>The state government allotted Rs 20 crore for KHDC in the budget, but it has not been released yet. Apart from this, DPI, which procures 75 lakh metres of textile under the Vidya Vikas Scheme, is supposed to pay Rs 60 crore. However, the education department has not released Rs 32 crore for bills for June and July.</p>	

GEM ENVIRO TO MARKET SYGREEN RANGE OF RECYCLED YARNS	Fibre2fashion.com http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/sustainability-news/gem-enviro-to-market-sygreen-range-of-recycled-yarns-191859-newsdetails.htm
<p>Producer of recycled polyester yarns, Sybly Industries has appointed Gem Enviro Management to market its SyGreen range of recycled yarns, introduced earlier this month. Gem Enviro is involved in sale of packaging scrap to recyclers and sale of recycled merchandise to corporate and retail clients, which are marketed under its 'Being Responsible' initiative.</p> <p>Through its partnership with Gem Enviro, Sybly hopes to strengthen its position in the promising recycled yarn market.</p> <p>"Through our exclusive tie up, we hope to make SyGreen a prominent name in the recycled yarn sector, and significantly maximise its sales through our comprehensive marketing activities," said Gem Enviro CEO Sachin Sharma.</p>	

CHINA AIMS 6-7% ANNUAL OUTPUT GROWTH IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY	Fibre2fashion.com http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textiles-policy-news/china-aims-6-7-annual-output-growth-in-textile-industry-191845-newsdetails.htm
<p>The Chinese government has set a target to achieve average annual output growth of 6-7 per cent in its textile industry during 2016-20, according to a development plan released by the ministry of industry and information technology (MIIT). The plan also sets targets for reduction in energy usage and pollution emission to make the industry greener.</p> <p>The MIIT has set an 18 per cent reduction target for textile industry's energy intensity between 2016 and 2020, official news agency reported. The target for drop in pollutant emission is 10 per cent during the five-year period. This will enable the industry to become greener and smarter, with more customised products and cleaner technology, the plan mentions.</p> <p>For exports, the plan says they will contribute a stable share of the global textile trade during 2016-20. The export products will be of better quality, says the MIIT plan.</p> <p>Last year, the output of textile industry in China increased by 7 per cent, outpacing 6.1 per cent growth registered by the whole industrial sector, according to the official data.</p>	