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- **Meeting of CITI Delegation with the Hon'ble Minister of Textiles**

Confederation of India Textile Industry's (CITI) delegation led by CITI Chairman- Shri Rakesh Mehra met the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Shri Giriraj Singh on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in his office at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.

During the meeting CITI Chairman discussed about the various prevailing issues affecting the growth of the Indian Textile Industry such as:

- Non-availability of raw materials at the international competitive prices
- Lack of schemes to incentivize capacity building across the downstream segment



*Chairman CITI, Shri Rakesh Mehra felicitating the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Shri Giriraj Singh*

Shri Rakesh Mehra also submitted a detailed memorandum to the Hon'ble Minister highlighting the various other issues as also the suggestions which can propel the growth of the Indian Textile Industry.

Hon'ble Minister gave a patience listening to all the issues and suggestions and assured his complete support for the betterment of the Indian Textile Industry.

During the meeting the Hon'ble Minister also advised CITI Chairman to submit a detailed note highlighting the roadmap for achieving the US\$ 350 bn. textile industry by 2030.

Besides Shri Rakesh Mehra, CITI delegation comprised of Chairman-RTMA, Dr S.N. Modani, Deputy Chairman-SIMA, Shri Durai Palanisamy, and JMD-Vardhman Textiles, Shri Neeraj Jain.

- **CITI and Taiwan Textile Federation (TTF) signed MOU to enhance trade and technology collaboration**

CITI and TTF have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation between their respective textile and clothing industries.

The agreement was signed by CITI-Chairman, Shri Rakesh Mehra and TTF-Chairman, Mr. James Kuo, marking a significant development in bilateral textile relations.



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The MOU outlines several key initiatives to bolster collaboration between the two organisations which includes actively promoting business activities in trade, investment, technology and cooperation, as well as providing platforms for constructive dialogue among their members as also facilitating information exchange on policies and industry activities.



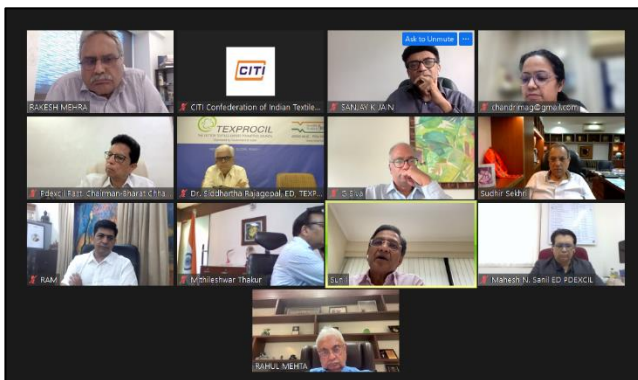
*CITI-Chairman, Shri Rakesh Mehra and TTF- Chairman, Mr. James Kuo signing the MoU*

The MoU also worked out plans for organizing seminars, exhibitions, conferences, and engagements with

policymakers, delegations, and trade promotion agencies to foster greater economic synergy between India and Taiwan.

- **Meeting to discuss roadmap for achieving a US\$ 350 bn textile industry**

As advised by the Hon'ble Minister, CITI is working towards preparing a road map for the Indian Textile Industry to achieve the visionary target of US\$ 350 bn industry.



*Discussions of the stakeholders on the US\$ 350 market roadmap*

To get the industry inputs on the same, CITI organized a virtual stakeholder discussion on 11<sup>th</sup> July at 3 PM.

The meeting was attended by representatives of various associations such as TEXPROCIL, AEPC, PDEXCIL, CMAI, SIMA, SGCCI, as also by various industry representatives.

During the meeting, the stakeholders were optimistic about the growth of the Indian Textile Industry and unanimously agreed upon for the various suggestions that can catalyze the growth of the Indian Textile Industry towards a US\$ 350 bn some of which are as given below:

- Availability of raw materials at internationally competitive prices
- Addressing the skilled labour shortages and productivity issues
- Aligning Center and State Government policies
- Creation of new manufacturing capacities
- Focus on increasing cotton production and yield



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Apart from the above, there were various other issues and suggestions which the stakeholders decided to represent to the Government for enabling the industry achieving the visionary target of US\$ 350 bn market size by 2030.

- **Interactive meeting of the Textile Advisory Group (TAG)**

The 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MMF TAG and 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Cotton TAG was held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in Mumbai under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Shri Giriraj Singh.

The meeting was also graced by the Maharashtra State Textile Minister, Shri Chandrakant Patil, Secretary (Textiles), Additional Secretary (Textiles), Additional Secretary (Agriculture), Joint Secretary (Fibre), Trade Advisor, Textile Commissioner, and several other Government officials from Ministry of Textiles and Ministry of Agriculture.



*Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Shri Giriraj Singh chairing the TAG meeting*

On behalf of industry, the meeting was attended by various associations like CITI, SIMA, TEXPROCIL, MATEXIL, AEPC, CMAI, SGCCI, FIASWI, PEDEXCIL, ITTA, PTA Users Association, as also by many senior representatives of many other associations.

CITI Chairman, Shri Rakesh Mehra and SG-CITI, Ms. Chandrima Chatterjee attended the meeting on behalf of CITI.

During the meeting the industry leaders kept their view points towards achieving the Visionary target of US\$ 350 bn industry, including US\$ 100 bn exports by 2023. Some of the issues and suggestions that were discussed during the TAG meeting are:

**Cotton:**

- Need of having newer and enhanced varieties of seed through their faster clearance.
- Include seed manufacturers in TAG.
- Replicate the agronomy success stories of the Pilot Project on Cotton on a mass scale and in a fast-track basis.
- Pay higher premiums to farmers producing Kasturi cotton and organic cotton.
- Special projects towards improving cotton yield and productivity needs to be scaled up with the involvement of the industry.



## MMF

- MMF producers and users to work closely and resolve the issues related to pricing and availability.
- Address the shortage of basic raw material such as PTA.
- Measures such as Minimum Import Price (MIP) for checking rising imports of knitted fabrics.
- Request to increase the no of days for re-export from 180 days to 540 days if import is done under advance licence from non BIS licence countries in line with when import from BIS licence countries for re export is done.

The Hon'ble Minister took note of the various issues and suggestions and assured his full support in resolving the various issues of the industry.

## • Clarification on the DGFT's notification on the extension of Interest Equalization Scheme (IES)

DGFT vide its trade notice no. 08/2024-25 dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 has issued the below given clarification concerning the extension of the Interest Equalization Scheme (IES) for Pre and Post shipment Rupee Export Credit for two months beyond 30th June, 2024:

S No	Issue	Clarification
1	Threshold Limit for the extended period: Whether there is any threshold limit of Interest Equalisation per IEC for the period from 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2024 to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024.	The Interest Equalisation will be capped at Rs. 1.66 Cr per IEC for the period from 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2024 to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024.
2	Inclusion of MSME Merchant Exporters: Whether the scheme is applicable only to MSME Manufacturer Exporters, who are eligible for IES benefit of 3%, or if it is also applicable to MSME Merchant Exporters, who are eligible for IES benefit of 2% under 410 HS Lines as advised in circular RBV2021-22/180DOR.STR. REC.93/04.02.00 112021-22.	The scheme extended vide Trade Notice No. 07/2024-2025 dated 128.06.2024 is applicable only to MSME Manufacturer Exporters, who are eligible for IES benefit of 3%.
3	Requirement of Revised UIN: Whether clients would be required to generate revised UIN for the extended period as the existing UINs have a validity till 31.03:2025.	Applicants would not be required to generate revised UIN for the extended period if the applicants have already generated UIN for the FY 2024-2025.

Members may kindly take note of the above.



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- **Data Analysis**

- **USA T&A imports from major suppliers**

- USA accounted for about 27% of India's global T&A exports in 2023.
- During the Jan-May 2024, USA's total T&A imports from India have increased by about 2.5% while its T&A imports from China and Bangladesh have declined by 1.3% and 11.9% respectively, indicating a positive development for India's T&A exporters.

**USA's total T&A imports from China, Bangladesh and India (US\$ Mn)**

Particular	China			Bangladesh			India		
	2023	2024	% Change	2023	2024	% Change	2023	2024	% Change
January	2,159.8	2,168.8	0.4%	886.0	559.4	-36.9%	893.4	674.7	-24.5%
February	1,709.0	1,834.2	7.3%	616.3	658.5	6.8%	734.2	751.9	2.4%
March	1,720.5	1,528.9	-11.1%	688.5	592.2	-14.0%	789.5	885.6	12.2%
April	1,458.7	1,508.8	3.4%	582.0	570.9	-1.9%	761.7	890.2	16.9%
May	2,004.9	1,898.5	-5.3%	632.4	620.6	-1.9%	773.7	848.3	9.6%
<b>Total (Apr-May)</b>	<b>9,053.0</b>	<b>8,939.1</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>3,405.3</b>	<b>3,001.6</b>	<b>-11.9%</b>	<b>3,952.5</b>	<b>4,050.8</b>	<b>2.5%</b>

Source: OTEXA

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