



Recommendation for the Textile Sector

On behalf of the entire business community of India and also on behalf of its members, ICC conveys thanks and gratitude to the Government of India for initiating commendable measures under the able leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister for the effort to minimize the effect of COVID-19 Pandemic.

However, as the Indian industry is going through a severe crisis and concern, some suggestive measures has been put forward by Mr. Sanjay Jain, Chairman, ICC National Expert Committee on Textiles on behalf of the T&C Industry. Some of the suggestions are as follows:

1. The Exports of Textile and Clothing products may be considered to be brought under Essential Commodity Act.
2. To allow smooth movement of ready-cum-in-transit consignments to the ports for shipment.
3. RBI may be requested to extend the period for export receivables from Nine months to Twelve months.
4. To consider exemption of international courier services from the present lockdown as banks have to send export documents to foreign Banks
5. To provide freight subsidy and compensation to the exporters for the goods that are brought back to the country.
6. Refund against old ROSL scheme to Made ups exporters and withdrawal of MEIS with retrospective effect.
7. To allow cancellation of forward contracts without levying any cancellation charges
8. To provide support to the exporters and to minimise detention chsrgees to withstand the Logistics/ Shipments problems faced by them as major ports are not functioning normally.
9. All local authorities to allow trucks / tempos etc. that are carrying goods to the ports for exports
10. To allow inhouse workers to work, as keeping them idle & inside factory is a herculean task - if they work it would keep them engaged productively
11. To provide 30% additional working capital to the exporters at 7.25% interest for exports without any collaterals and margin money to meet the working capital needs.
12. One year moratorium with immediate effect till March 31, 2021 for repayment of principal on term loan and interest on working capital.
13. RBI should relax norms for NPAs for one year.
14. Exporters should be allowed to retain 10% of GST payable for the next 12 months.
15. Payment periods against Import L/Cs to be extended by six months as importers are facing liquidity problems
16. To ensure better liquidity for the expirters
17. To release claims under the TUF scheme without waiting for JIT inspection / verification reports