

PTAIA urges centre to squash DGTR's MEG ADD proposal

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The members of Polyester Textile Apparel Industry Association (PTAIA) yesterday met Ms. Nivedita Shukla Verma, Secretary - Chemical and Petrochemicals, with the appeal to not consider the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) proposal on placing Anti-dumping Duty (ADD) on Mono Ethylene Glycol (MEG).



Mr. R. K. Vij, Secretary General, PTAIA, said that the Government of India has recently taken a commendable step by reducing GST rates on Man-made Fibre (MMF), Yarn and Filament to 5% making textile products more affordable for the common man.

However, this benefit now risks being entirely neutralized as one of the most critical raw materials of MMF, Yarns, Filaments, Fabrics and Garments – Mono Ethylene Glycol (MEG) is set to become nearly 20% costlier due to the proposed imposition of Anti-dumping Duty (ADD) by the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR).

He listed out the following adverse impact of the proposed Anti-dumping Duty:

- * Further increase in cost of MMF, Yarn, Filaments, Fabrics & Garments
- * GST reduction benefit to consumers will be entirely neutralized.
- * Encouragement of import of value-added MMF products, hurting entire domestic supply chain.
- * Job losses, especially in MSMEs.
- * Derailment of planned investments worth Rs.20,000 Cr including those under PLI Scheme
- * Losses across the value chain, affecting both Indian textile manufacturers and MEG users.

Considering the above scenario, PTAIA has urged that the ADD proposal on MEG should not be considered by the authorities.

ITMF Start-up Award Winners announced

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The winners of the ITMF Start-up Awards 2025 will present their business models at the upcoming ITMF & IAF Conference 2025 which will be held from 24 - 25 October in Yogyakarta, Indonesia and will be co-hosted by the Indonesia Textile Industry Association (API).

The objectives of the ITMF Start-up Awards are to provide start-ups a platform to showcase their innovative ideas and to offer them the possibility to meet in-person with well-established companies from the entire textile value chain.

The 5 winners of the ITMF Start-up Award 2025 are (in alphabetical order):

* **AMBERCYCLE, USA**

A Bridge to the Future – Building Circularity at Scale

* **AWEXOME RAY (KOREA)**

CNT Fiber Innovation – From Dream Material to Industrial Reality

* **BYBORRE (NETHERLANDS)**

The Last Industry to be Digitized

* **SILANA (AUSTRIA)**

From Offshor to On-Demand – How Robotics is Reshaping Fashion Manufacturing

* **ZYMOCHEM (USA)**

Commercialization of Biobased Nylon 66

It may be noted here that the ITMF conference will be held under the themeL “Navigating Uncertainty & Adopting Technology – Pathways to Sustainable Strength in the Textile & Apparel Industry”.

The opening session will be addressed by Dr. K.V. Srinivasan, President, ITMF; Mr. Cem Altan, President, IAF and Mr. Jemmy Sastraatmadja, President, API.

Cotton has a great future ahead: Giriraj Singh

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Given the global focus on sustainability, Cotton – as a sustainable fibre – has a great future ahead, despite the current interest worldwide in synthetic fibre, asserted Mr. Giriraj Singh, Union Textiles Minister, here.

Addressing the industry leaders at the 4th Global Cotton Conference in capital yesterday, jointly developed by the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) and the Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) Mr. Giriraj Singh said that the branding of Kasturi Cotton could be strengthened through bodies like CITI and TEXPROCIL also playing an active role in this process.

The Union Textiles Minister said he was aiming to promote linen, milkweed and Ramie fibre given their potential for high growth. He added that



the textile ecosystem should play its part in addressing climate change.

Mr. Giriraj Singh also said that the increase in minimum support prices (MSP) over the last decade has demonstrated the government's commitment to the cause of farmer welfare. Industry should work more closely with farmers, he pointed out.

He added that stakeholders should aim higher on the cotton production and productivity fronts.

In his address, Mr. Margherita said India must strive to attain leadership position in quality, sustainability, and ethical production. The Kasturi Cotton initiative has the potential to contribute immensely to the '5F' (farm-fibre-factory-fashion-foreign) vision of the Government, he pointed out. He added that India and Russia could forge deeper ties in the textiles and apparel arena.

Union Textiles Secretary Ms. Neelam Shami Rao said the Ministry is working towards increasing cotton production by 50% over the next few years, including expanding the capacity of Kasturi Cotton Bharat. Reducing contamination in the cotton sector, bringing in better

farm practices in India and improving the productivity of the cotton sector were also being worked on, the Secretary added.

Union Textiles Ministry Joint Secretary Ms. Padmini Singla said cotton is more than just a crop. It is a symbol of India's legacy and self-reliance. She added that Kasturi Cotton Bharat would provide huge impetus to the growth of the textile sector.

Mr. Lalit Kumar Gupta, CMD, Cotton Corporation of India, stressed on the need for improving the yield of the Indian cotton sector. He added that there was a need to accord more focus on innovation, improved farm practices, and the use of technology.

Textile Commissioner, Dr. M. Beena also reiterated that a focus on technology and innovation is the need of the hour.

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