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Government of India
Ministry of Textiles

Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 19th March 2020

Subject :- Minutes of the Meeting held on 18.3.2020 in New Delhi to assess the availability of protective wears for use of health professional in the country in the wake of COVID-19.

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting held under the chairmanship Shri Ravi Capoor, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, on 18th March 2020 at 1.00 PM in Room No. 162, Udyog Bhawan New Delhi to assess the availability of protective wears for use of health professional in the country in the wake of COVID-19 for information and necessary action.



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To,

- (i) Dr. Mandeep Bhandari, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- (ii) Textile Commissioner, Mumbai.
- (iii) Shri Ajay Pandit, Director, Regional office of Textile Commissioner NOIDA.
- (iv) ITTA, FICCI, CII, PhD Chamber, ASSOCHAM, NSIC, Protective Wear Manufacturer's Association.
- (v) Venus, Magnum, Du-pont, Honeywell, 3M, Ginni Filament, Sure-Safety, Sai Synergy, Surya tex, Arvind ltd.
- (vi) Dr. Ashwini Agarwal, Dean, IIT-Delhi
- (vii) Dr. Rajasekar, HLL Life care Ltd.
- (viii) SASMIRA, SITRA, BTRA, ATIRA, NITRA
- (ix) SIMA, AEPC, CIMA, Texprocil,
- (x) Regional offices of Textile Commissioners at Mumbai, Coimbatore, Ahmadabad, Surat, Ichalkaranji, Ludhiana, Kolkata and Bangalore with a request to coordinate with NIC and bring all association, potential suppliers to NIC centre
- (xi) Director NIC : To get in touch with Regional offices of Textile Commissioners at Mumbai, Coimbatore, Ahmadabad, Surat, Ichalkaranji, Ludhiana, Kolkata and Bangalore for organizing video-conferencing in Room No.162, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi

Copy for information to :-

1. PPS to Secretary (T)
2. PS to Joint Secretary(R&D)

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The meeting was chaired by Secretary(Textiles). The list of participants is at Annexure.

2. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare raised the following concerns regarding supply of Body-coverall, N-95 masks and 3/2 ply masks:-

(i) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare requires 7.25 lakhs number of Body-coveralls, 60 lakhs number of N-95 masks and 1 crore of 3 ply masks for which orders have been placed by M/s HLL Lifecare Ltd. However, there is a shortage of material and the rate of supply is not able to meet the rising demand.

(ii) Supply order was placed to M/s Magnum for supply of 10 lakhs number of 3 ply masks at Rs.6/- per piece. M/s Magnum has so far supplied 2 Lakh numbers and they have now asked to a revised price to Rs.16/- per piece and are not supplying the quantity.

(iii) Demand/ enquiry for medical protective textiles are also being raised by various state governments. Thus the demand is likely to further increase.

(v) Orders placed so far by M/s HLL Lifecare limited are:-

- Body coveralls: 7,25,000
- N-95 masks: 10,50,000
- 3 ply masks: 10,00,000

3. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles explained the current position:-

(i) There are two major suppliers for N-95 masks. Demand is also raised by various State Governments, who have reported the difficulty in availability in the market and the unreasonable price quoted by the few available suppliers.

(ii) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare vide their letter dated 2nd March 2020 has already set the technical and test requirement for body coveralls. So, multiple technical requirements by other government agencies is not desired and all government procurements should be synchronized with the technical standards prescribed by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

(iii) There is a shortage of Body Coveralls and N-95 masks. The supply should get prioritized as per the criticality of situation, as arising in different parts of the country. Hence, supply of coveralls and N-95 masks should be controlled through Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and procurement should be centralized through HLL Lifecare Ltd.

4. Discussions and points raised by the industry participants

- (i) 3M has a stock of 50,000 numbers which they are in a position to supply immediately 3M will arrange 1.5 lakh more by April 2020.
- (ii) Venus will supply N-95 mask @ 50,000 per day and comply with the order already placed by HLL which 3 weeks.
- (iii) The potential suppliers requested that the requirement of the government may be stated in advance, so that the raw material and other resources can be arranged in prior. It was informed by MoH&FW that the projected requirements are N-95: 60 lakhs upto May 2020 and Coverall : 7.2 lakh, 3-ply: 1 crore.
- (iv) Shiva Texyarn, Coimbatore stated that it has 1 lakh meter ready in stock fabric suitable for production of Coveralls. They are willing to supply the fabric to any converter for production of garments.
- (v) PWMA (Protective Wear Manufacturer Association) stated that Meltblown fabric, a critical component required for 3-ply mask has supply problem. On this, Textiles Commissioner informed that there are two potential suppliers of this item i.e. Pacific and Aerolab, Pune. Textile Commissioner will coordinate with these manufactures assure capability and production, and the quality required for production of 1 crore masks within 30 days. This report may be made available by 20.03.2020.
- (vi) ATIRA is also in a position to supply 1 lakh meter fabric for production of Coveralls. This facility may be made available by the potential manufactures.
- (vii) All manufactures are directed to keep their manufacturing / production facility intact for meeting the government demand first. Any lapse or willful scarcity will attract strict punitive measures in accordance with the law.

5. Decisions and further course of actions:-

- (a) Procurement of body coveralls and N-95 masks for health professionals required for handling COVID-19 cases will be centralized with M/s HLL Lifecare Ltd. For all central and state government agencies until further decisions. The distribution of the items will be controlled by MoHFW depending upon the contingency requirement. Necessary instructions in this regard will be issued by MoHFW
- (b) Textile Commissioner Office and its regional offices will monitor production and supply position, especially for N-95 and 3-ply masks. Any artificial shortage, hoarding or profiteering will be dealt with as per the law.

- (c) Manufacturers are requested to develop products from the resources available in the country and also through import, whenever possible. All intents for supply may be communicated to Shri Rajasekar, Director HLL Lifecare Ltd. (rajasekar@lifecarehll.com) and on Whatsapp no. 93803 12345
- (d) The samples for body coveralls and other items wherever applicable may be sent to SITRA on quick transit mode for conducting tests and certifications. SITRA will get the samples tested within shortest possible time and submit report to the manufacturers with copies to HLL Lifecare, MoHFW and MoT.
- (e) Protective Wear Manufacturers Association (PWMA) will coordinate activities on behalf of its members with regard to supply chain, manufacturing and testing activities. All possible help for development of new products within the acceptable standards will be provided by Ministry of textiles and its organizations.
- (f) The projected requirements as communicated by MoHFW is (i) Body-suits (coveralls): 6.48 lakhs; (ii) N-95 masks: 60 lakhs; and (iii) 3 ply masks: 1 crore. The requirement is subjected to upward revision depending upon the situation of the COVID-19 in the country.
- (g) Ministry of textiles and Office of textile Commissioner will examine the availability and supply of intermediate/ raw materials required for production of medical protective textiles, on day to day basis. Any measures in existing availability will be taken on urgent basis. O/o Textile Commissioner will monitor with the suppliers of meltblown fabrics in ensuring supply of 3 ply masks.
- (h) The 3 ply masks manufacturers have assured the government that they will ensure availability for all government and public healthcare requirements at reasonable prices.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

ANNEXURE

S.No.	Name & Designation	Organisation
1	Ravi Capoor, Secretary (T)	MoT
2	Nihar Ranjan Dash Joint Secretary	MoT
3	Dr. Mandeep Bhandari Joint Secretary	MOHFW
4	Balram Kumar Director	MoT
5	Ajay Pandit, Director	RO TxC
6	G.K.Rajnish	MoT
7	Chetan Bijesne, Astt.Secy General	FICCI
8	Ankur Trivedi	Head Corporate Affairs arvind Ltd
9	Krishan k.Thepra BDM	Sure Safety India Ltd.
10	Mahadeb Mallick	Venus Safety Mumbai
11	Sudhir Kumar Pandey BDE	Venus Safety
12	Sarobjot Singh , Director	Sterimed Surgccals India Pvt Ltd.
13	Naveen Mittal	Associates Nonwovens
14	Somil gupta	JPD Nonwoven
15	R.K.Gulati	ATTMAP
16	Navin Suran	Sunder Products co
17	Ashish Garg	A.R.Packsing
18	Bhupesh	J.P. Enterprises
19	Bal kishan georg	ATTMAP
20	Rohit Karnani ,	Surya Laxmi Industries
21	Sanjay K. Gupta	319 India
22	Vinay. k.Pandey	ASSOCHAM
23	Sachin Arora	Honeywell
24	Prashant Singh	Honeywell
25	Gurmeet Singh	Ginni Filament
26	Rajesh Sharma	Sai Synergy
27	Sandip Hora	Aerolab
28	Sanjay Goel	RSA Technitex
29	Puneet Kanodia	PWMAI
30	Nikhil Goenka Director	Duobeg Pvt.Ltd
31	Dr. Sanjiv	PWMAI