ANNEXURE-III

TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN GUJARAT

Gujarat is one of the leading Industrial states in India and textile Industry in particular had contributed in a big way to the industrialisation of the state. In fact, development of many industries like, Dyestuff, Chemicals, Engineering/Foundry and Cotton farming is solely dependent on this sector. The State is well known for development of Hybrid Cotton, Ginning, powerlooms, composite mills, spinning units and independent processing Houses

Textile Industry in general has suffered a setback, in specific, in organised sector all over the country in the recent past. Gujarat was not an exception to this development. However, growth is prominently observed in decentralised sectors e.g. Powerloom and textile Processing, mainly in Surat and Ahmedabad. Overall economic growth of the State is very much dependent on this sector. 24% to 28% of fixed investment, production value and employment of the SSI (Small Scale Industry) sector are from textiles alone. Further, 23% of GSDP comes out of textiles in the State, 16% of the cultivated land area of the state is for cotton and Gujarat is the largest cotton producer in the country. About 30% of woven fabric from organised sector and 25% of decentralised powerloom sector of the country comes from this State alone. Large Fabric Process Houses are concentrated in Ahmedabad (250) and Surat (350) in the State. Surat is the largest Centre of Art Silk Fabric producing over 40% of the Art Silk fabric produced in the country. The State accounts for 12% share of the total textile exports of the country. A large number of Garment Units and Garment Processing Units are developed in urban areas of the State.

Realising the need, State government has, therefore, taken active step in developing Apparel Park, one at Surat and the other at Ahmedabad under active support of Union Ministry of Textile. Besides, Jetpur, a Centre of Saree Printing, has been already earmarked for setting up a Textile Park in near Future.
In Gujarat, textile industry mainly manufactures cotton-based fabrics in Mill Sector. The major reason is being easy availability of the basic raw material in the State, i.e. cotton. Similarly, many spinning units producing only 100% cotton yarns were established in the state. The State happened to be more conservative with cotton textile products mainly in organised sector. Surat art silk manufacturers are only exceptions, weaving; Synthetic Textiles in decentralised sector. Similarly, independent processing units’ process synthetic blended and cotton fabrics. Clusters of processing units are located at Surat, Ahmedabad (Narol) and Jetpur. Though these units fall under decentralised sector, some of them operate on medium scale production capacity having good capability of processing wide range of fabrics.

Ready-made garment manufacturers and hosiery knit wear units also exist in Small Scale Industry category. In early 1990s, Gujarat saw a dramatic change in its textile industry scenario where quite a few textile mills started manufacturing denim. The Arvind Mills, Ashima Textiles, Soma Textiles, Modern Denim, Arvee Denim, started manufacturing denim. So many mills at a time fetched a new name for Ahmedabad: “Denim City of India” whereas city of Surat became Silky City of India.