

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **IMPORT OF SECOND HAND SULZER PROJECTILE WEAVING LOOMS**

The weaving segment of the textile industry requires technology upgradation. At present, there are more than 16 lakhs powerlooms working in the decentralised sector most of which are ordinary powerlooms. Even in the mills sector, almost 80% of the looms are more than 15 years old. Only 30% of the looms are of automatic type and a very small percentage are of shuttle less type. Recognising the need for technology upgradation, the Government extended fiscal duty concession for import of specified weaving machines. However, keeping in view the prevailing cost of brand new weaving machines uneconomical, the industry finds acquisition of the same uneconomical.

There has been a demand from the industry to allow import of second hand weaving Sulzer looms of TW-11 and PU Models of more than 10 years old. As per the Exim Policy, import of second hand capital goods up to 10 years old is allowed freely. The request of the industry was considered in the Inter-Ministerial meeting and based on the feedback received on the technological level, the capabilities of domestic textile machinery manufacturing industry, cost comparison, etc. it has been decided that import of 10,000 second hand TW-11 Sulzer Projectile weaving looms may be allowed subject to the condition that these are reconditioned and have a residual life of minimum 10 years. Besides, it has also been decided that second hand Sulzer Projectile Weaving looms of PU Models (1982-87 make) may be allowed for import without any restriction

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