

**MINUTES OF THE 51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON  
30.12.2020 THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE**

The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Council was held on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 12.00 Noon through Video Conference.

Shri.T.V. Chandrasekaran, Chairman welcomed all the Members/RTEs of the Council, Shri C. Muthusamy, Returning Officer and Shri N.A. Srinivasan, Scrutinizer to the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Council and briefed about the important activities taken up by the Council during the year 2019-20. Chairman requested Shri M.Sundar, Joint Director to took up the Agenda points.

Shri M. Sundar, Joint Director took up agenda Item No.1 and requested the Members/RTEs to consider the Annual Report of the Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, Audited Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 with the report of the Auditors thereon and report of the Executive Committee.

Shri V. Lakshmi Narasimhan, M/s.Sri Laxmi Export, Karur, Committee Member of the Council proposed the adoption of the above and Shri Lalit Goel, M/s.Riviera Home Furnishing Pvt Ltd, Panipat, Executive Committee Member seconded the same. Subsequently, all the Members/RTEs present unanimously passed the same for adoption.

Then Shri M. Sundar, Joint Director took up agenda Item No.2 to appoint Auditor for auditing the accounts of the Council for the year 2020-21 and fix their remuneration. It was suggested that M/s.S.Narasimhan & Co., Chennai may be appointed as auditor for the Council for the year 2020-21 with remuneration of Rs.50,000/- per annum. Shri V. Lakshmi Narasimhan, M/s.Sri Laxmi Export, Karur, Committee Member of the Council proposed the adoption of the above and Shri Lalit Goel, M/s.Riviera Home Furnishing Pvt Ltd, Panipat, Executive Committee Member seconded the same. Subsequently, all the Members/RTEs present unanimously passed the same for adoption.

Joint Director took up agenda Item No.3 and Chairman informed Members/RTEs that Shri. C. Muthusamy, Director, Weavers' Service Centre, Chennai has been appointed by the Development Commissioner for Handlooms as Returning Officer to conduct the election to the Executive Committee.

Shri N.A.Srinivasan, Scrutiniser appointed by the Executive Committee of the Council has submitted his report on election process to the returning officer and Shri C.Muthusamy has informed the Members/RTEs on the outcome of the election process.

The Returning Officer Shri C. Muthusamy, Director, Weavers' Service Centre, Chennai informed that following members have been elected to the Executive Committee of the Council through e-voting procedure.

S.No	Product Groups	No. of Vacancies to be filed	Name of the Candidates	Remarks
1	Handloom Floor Coverings	3	1. Shri Lalit Goel, M/s.Riviera Home Furnishing Pvt Ltd.  2. Shri Kuldeep Raj Wattal, M/s. Chinar International.  3. Shri Gagan Rai, M/s. Seth Kumar Rai International	E-voting was not carried out since only <b>Three</b> candidate was contesting for Three vacancy

Chairman and Vice Chairman welcomed the above members to the board of HEPC.

Joint Director took up agenda item No.4 to approve the amendments of Articles of Association of the Council. Chairman requested Shri N.A Srinivasan, Legal Consultant to inform about the amendments made in the Articles of Association of the Council. He informed that Ministry of Textiles vide office order dated 13.08.2020 has decided for implementation of following in the bye-law of respective TEPCs with immediate effect.

1. The post of Secretary General (SG) / Executive Director (ED) of Textiles Export Promotion Councils (TEPCs), if any posted /nominated with the approval of Government stands withdrawn with immediate effect. Respective Councils may appoint its own SG /ED.
2. Officers of the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, representing in the governing bodies of these councils are hereby withdrawn.
3. Any disposals/sale/lease/transfer of assets created out of Central Government grant shall require prior specific approval from of the Ministry of Textiles.
4. Wherever, the Government assistance under any scheme is provided to the TEPCs, a separate Empowered Committee / Standing Committee shall be constituted by respective

council for monitoring of such expenditure. The Government nominee shall attend that meeting only.

In order to effect the above order, respective clauses of Articles of Association of the Council were amended accordingly.

He also informed that new category of members namely "Handloom Weavers / Artisans, Home Textiles made up of Non-Handloom were amended in the Articles of Association.

Shri V.C.Selvan, M/s. American Textile Company, Karur, Committee Member of the Council proposed the adoption of the above and Shri Lalit Goel, M/s.Riviera Home Furnishing Pvt Ltd, Panipat, Executive Committee Member seconded the same.

Finally, Joint Director took Item No 5 to transact any other business. Shri P. Gopalakrishnan, Vice Chairman informed that after including the Non-Handloom Category members in the Articles of Association, Council should thrive hard to increase the membership base from 1500 to 5000 members. He also pointed out that "Handloom Weavers / Artisans" can become Executive Committee member of the Council after completing three years of membership with the Council.

Chairman also agreed to the views of Vice Chairman. He informed that, Handloom Weavers / Artisans, Home Textiles made up of Non-Handloom category was included in Articles of Association to increase the membership strength and to avoid merger of HEPC with EPCH and retain HEPC as a separate entity.

Shri P. Gopalakrishnan, Vice Chairman informed the Executive Committee that Council had organized various Virtual events and VBSM organized at Chille yield good results. He requested all the EC members to volunteer themselves actively to promote the virtual BSM organised by the Council and requested to support the Council in increasing membership strength.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Shri P.Gopalakrishnan, Vice Chairman. He thanked HMoT, Secretary (T) for their support in boosting handloom industry. He also thanked all EC members, staff for effectively functioning towards the betterment of HEPC

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