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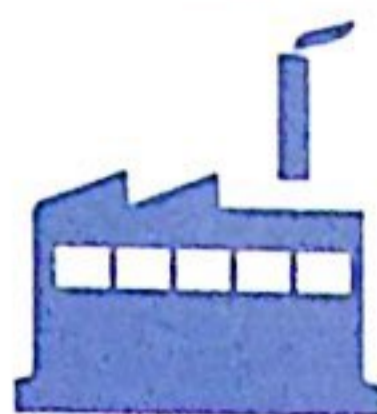
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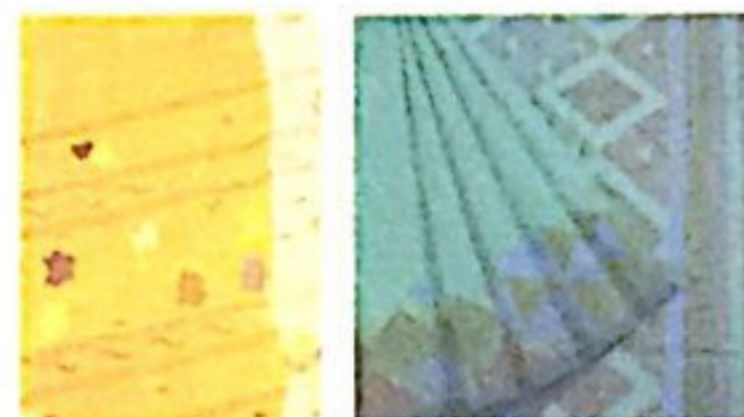
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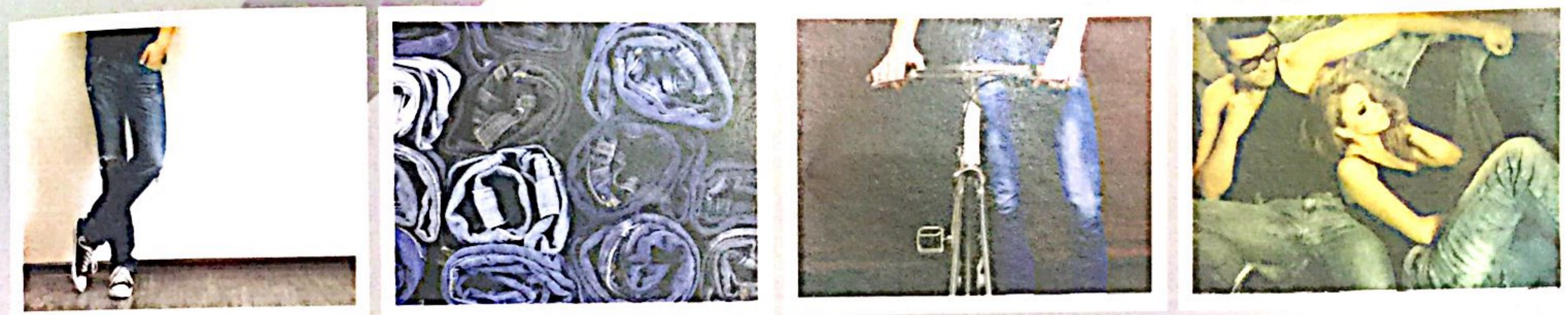
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Chairman said.

The power loom sector would be badly hit by GST. This sector is already struggling and still that remains as an unorganized sector. P. Eswarmoorthy, secretary of the Chennimalai Powerloom Association, recently said, "The government should have at least streamlined the process in a phase-by-phase manner before implementing it. The GST taxation procedure is too complicated." Representatives of Telangana State Federation of Textile Associations, and cloth merchants associations submitted memorandums to the minister against the imposition of the GST on textiles and sought his interference to urge the Centre to exempt the textiles industry from the GST.

The tax on the job works will mean a huge burden on micro, small and medium enterprises, or MSMEs. Job workers, which form a huge chunk of the state's substantial textiles sector and are largely part of the unorganized sector, have been brought into the tax structure for the first time. It will harm the sector, say industry stakeholders.

Positive sign also prevails

Along with the negative feedback, there is some positive reaction also. The Garments Manufacturer and Wholesalers Associations welcomed

Particulars	Current effective indirect tax rate (VAT + Excise Duty+ Central sales Tax)	GST rate
Cotton	5-7%	5%
Synthetic	11-14%	13-14%
Blended	11-14%	13-14%
Wool	8-10%	5%
Silk	8-10%	5%

implementation of the GST and said there is need for uniform policy of GST at 5 percent for all ready-made garments and for simplifying the HSN codes for garments.

As seen in the table 2, GST rates seem more or less in line with the existing indirect tax structure in case of cotton and synthetic fabrics, implying that the new law is unlikely to have any material consequence on these fronts. The business involved in manufacturing woollen and silk fabrics, the announced rates come across as a positive sign.

In fine, it is easily realized that the 18% tax rate for the man-made fiber and yarn will adversely impact the whole textile sector as uses of man-made fiber and yarn are increasing day by day. In addition, strong player like China is remaining in the international market who exports those items in global market. On the other hand, the GST structure will help to turn into organized segment from unorganized segment and it could be the biggest long-term benefit from GST, despite the short-term inventory adjustment problems.

Resil Chemicals and Acticell to develop sustainable chemicals

Desk Report

Asia's leading textile finishing chemicals and auxiliary manufacturer, Resil Chemicals, has joined with Acticell, an Austrian chemical research company committed to developing environmentally friendly sustainable textiles, to develop a range of green, sustainable chemical solutions for the denim industry.

Resil Chemicals has partnered with Acticell GmbH to eliminate what they consider a hazardous process of using potassium permanganate spray in the denim industry.

Most denim manufacturers rely on hazardous and environmentally damaging chemical processes like potassium permanganate treatments to create effects on denim. Potassium permanganate, considered as a toxic and hazardous substance, is sprayed onto the denim fabric with a hand spray gun, exposing the



Figure: Christian Schimper, Managing Director, Acticell Technology Solutions (L) and Ganesh Srinivasan, Executive Director, Innovation, Resil Chemicals (R).

factory employees to the danger of exposure to micro particles of potassium permanganate.

"One of the innovative solutions offered by this collaboration is to substitute potassium permanganate with Actigo, a laser booster, powered by green screen listed; patented Acticell technology," said Ganesh Srinivasan, Executive Director, Innovation, Resil Chemicals.

Actigo enables jeans manufacturers to move to a new process that eliminates the need for potassium permanganate (PP) spray and hand sand process. Actigo, a laser activated bleaching technology also helps in improving laser productivity thereby providing a cost neutral solution to switch over from potassium permanganate sprays. The new process will save water and energy in denim finishing and eliminate labor intensive hand sand and not to mention improving the safety of factory employees.