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Technical textile products provide opportunities for women entrepreneurs

Special Correspondent

'Industry is growing at 11 per cent annually in the country'

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Seshadri Ramkumar (second right), Associate Professor, Texas Tech University, USA, presenting the 'Textile Leadership Award' to T. Rajkumar (second left), Vice-Chairman, Southern India Mills' Association, in Coimbatore on Monday.

COIMBATORE: Textile products used for special purposes (technical textiles) provide immense opportunities for women to become entrepreneurs, according to vice-chairman of the Southern India Mills' Association T. Rajkumar.

Inaugurating a symposium on "Prospects for Technical Textile Sector in India" organised by Avinashilingam University and Texas Tech University here on Monday, he said that several members of the women self-help groups were already involved in production of some technical textile products.

The technical textiles sector had 12 main categories. The industry was growing at 11 per cent annually in the country and by 2012-13, it was expected to be worth Rs. 70,000 crore in the country.

Explaining the potential in the sector, Mr. Rajkumar said only about 15 per cent of the Indian population used hygiene products (diapers, wipes, etc). If the use of these products increased, the prices would come down. Defence was another area that used technical textiles in several applications. It needed coated fabric, resistant fabric, and textiles to be used in defence

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equipment. India imported technical textiles worth Rs. 5,000 crore annually.

The technical textiles sector in the country was now dominated by multi national companies. The sector required mass and continuous production. Any viable project should be preceded by a detailed study. The Union Ministry of Textiles provided interest subsidies for investment in this sector. With the textile facilities already available in the region, more investments could be attracted by the technical textiles sector here.

Seshadri Ramkumar, Associate Professor, Texas Tech University, USA, said the symposium aimed at promoting cluster concept to develop converting units for technical textiles. Units with an investment of Rs. 3 crore to Rs. 15 crore could be set up in this project. Skill development was needed from plant operation to marketing.

"There is awareness in India now about technical textiles. We should see investments now." The textile industry in India was targeting growth to 115 billion dollars by the end of the XI Plan period. This included 60 billion dollars export. Cotton was a global commodity. In 2010-11, the US would produce 18 million bales of cotton. In 2009-10, it produced 12 million bales. The increase in US production would bring down the pressure on prices.

Gowri Ramakrishnan, Registrar of Avinashilingam University, said competition continued to increase for the technical textiles sector. The demand for high performance material for industry and other sectors was growing. Technical textile was an emerging area for investment in India.

Vasugi Raaja, Associate Professor, Avinashilingam University, welcomed the gathering. G. Krishna Bai, Dean, Faculty of Home Science, gave the vote of thanks. Secretary General of SIMA K. Selvaraju released a CD of the symposium. Mr. Rajkumar was presented the Textile Leadership Award at the symposium.

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