Evolution Of Indian Medical Textiles Industry As A Global Hub.

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"We are open to collaborate with industry and industry associations such as FICCI to bring greater awareness among various stakeholders regarding the quality standards, needed to become manufacturing and exporting hub of Medical textiles through training programmes, said Ajit Chavan, Secretary, Textile Committee, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India" at FICCI Medical Textile webinar.

Participants from medical textiles fraternity from across the country joined the webinar on 'Can India Become Hub of Medical Textile: Healthcare and Hygiene Products' organised by Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) on Friday, 11th September 2020.

"India has shown a great agility to manufacture and meet the demand of PPE during COVID time. However integrating quality component and pricing with suitable regulation can make India leader in international market. Kudos to Make in India Initiative!" said Joy Chakraborty, Chief Operating Officer, P D Hinduja Hospital.

Experts from the field discussed about recent upsurge of production and consumption of the medical and hygiene products, markets for future, demand supply gap, technology gap, process gap, certification and future of business.

"Going forward, India needs to focus on manufacturing bio-protective coveralls, which needs to be internationally certified so that we can manufacture various levels of coverall for export and not just of level 3, currently being produced in India." Said T Rajasekar, Director, HLL Lifecare Ltd

“India can surely become a global manufacturing hub. However, we need to be strong in our own country first. Moreover, Indian manufacturers must have a moral obligation to make the correct product as people’s life is dependent on these.” said Hemant Sapra, President – Global Marketing, Karam Group during the discussion.

Prashant Agarwal, Jt. MD, Wazir Advisors Pvt. Ltd was of the said that India needs to go a long way to become medical textiles hub. Global opportunity is huge, which can be tapped with manufacturing commitment and zero defect approach and industry needs to be supported in mission mode approach to make it happen and grab the opportunity.

According to Ashok Raman, Sr. Vice President, Shahi Exports Pvt Ltd, export of PPE mandate certified and error free product and for this we need the specialize training of manpower. So, training and testing is the key to the evolution of Indian Medical textiles industry as a global hub.

When the COVID-19 outbreak started India, there was no domestic manufacture of PPE kits. Now, there is excess domestic capacity and manufacturers are getting export order requests. So, India can become global hub of medical textiles with consistent and patient efforts, said A R Bhoobalan, Vice President - Operation & Business Development, Bombay Rayon Fashion Ltd during discussion.