Weaving India’s Textile Future: Scale, Skills and Global Leadership

From the textile industry’s standpoint, **Mr. Priyavrata Mafatlal**, Vice-Chairman, Arvind Mafatlal Group, and Managing Director, Mafatlal Industries, described the Union Budget as setting a decisive and forward-looking tone amid global supply-chain realignments. Its focus on self-reliance, competitiveness, and job creation enhances planning visibility for manufacturers and exporters alike.



Sustained support for fibre supply, coupled with a clear thrust on scale and value addition, is expected to stabilise input costs, improve margins, and enable confident decisions on capacity expansion and export commitments. The modernisation of textile clusters and encouragement for technical and value-added manufacturing will further lift productivity, quality, and speed-to-market—critical levers of global competitiveness.

Equally impactful is the Budget’s emphasis on skilling. By aligning education, employment, and enterprise with technology-enabled manufacturing, the framework seeks to bridge the gap between job availability and skilled manpower. For Mafatlal Industries, this vision unlocks deeper investments in advanced manufacturing, sustainability, and innovation, backed by a future-ready workforce.

Manufacturing, MSMEs and Exports: Powering the Engine of Growth

Echoing this optimism, **Mr. Sanjay Jain**, Group CEO, PDS Ltd, welcomed the integrated vision for textiles and apparel. With the sector directly employing over 45 million people and supporting nearly 100 million livelihoods indirectly, the Budget’s emphasis on public capex, champion MSMEs, and labour-intensive industries is both timely and transformative.



Initiatives such as SAMARTH 2.0, Text-ECON, and renewed momentum for PM MITRA mega textile parks are poised to modernise skilling ecosystems, promote sustainable and value-added textiles, reduce import dependence, and boost exports—reinforcing India's path toward becoming a globally integrated, high-quality manufacturing hub under *Viksit Bharat*.

An End-to-End Textile Push: From Fibre Security to Global Markets

The **Clothing Manufacturers Association of India** (CMAI) welcomed the comprehensive, outcomes-oriented measures for the textile value chain. Programmes such as the National Fibre Mission, Mission for Cotton Productivity, Samarth 2.0, the Textile Eco Initiative, and new Mega Textile Parks collectively strengthen fibre security, skilling, sustainability, and export competitiveness.

While the Budget prioritises long-term structural strengthening over immediate consumption stimulus, CMAI underscored the need for enhanced allocations in coming years to accelerate transformation. Overall, the measures are constructive, balanced, and growth-oriented—poised to uplift farmers, artisans, workers, MSMEs, and large manufacturers, and to firmly position India as a global textile leader.