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India's Textile Industry Airs its Concerns

India has declared its textile trade's potential to hit \$350 billion by 2025 if it diversifies to new product categories, however, the most recent budget all but ignored the industry's health.

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Fairtrade debuts draft of standard for textile value chain

Fairtrade International which introduced Fairtrade certified cotton in 2005 is now extending its approach to the entire textile value chain, for which it has prepared a draft.

The organisation's goal is to reach often-overlooked workers along the supply chain, like weavers and dyers, so that they too can benefit from Fairtrade,"it said in press.

Fairtrade International ran mock audits with textile producers in India and South Africa during the last year to test out a Fairtrade

textile standard for the whole supply chain.

According to the agency, a draft of the standard is now being



put to public consultation and civil society organisations, producers, traders and experts are called upon to comment and

contribute.

"The end of April marks two years since the collapse of RanaPlaza, yet no substantial improvements have been made for workers in the textile industry," Fairtrade said.

With over 20 years' experience in advocating better working conditions for small producers and hired workers, Fairtrade International is now taking on the challenge of creating a comprehensive textile standard.

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