

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ASSISTANCE TO ARTISANS IN AGARBATTI PROJECTS UNDER GVV

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- (a) the details of agarbatti making and mixing machines provided to individuals and Self Help Groups for the agarbatti project under the Gramodaya Vikas Yojana (GVY) in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether support is being provided in the form of training, raw material, marketing, and financial support to the artisans by Khadi and Village Industries Commission;
- (c) whether Government proposes to establish similar projects under the scheme in the State of Karnataka and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of Centres of Excellence have been proposed and to be established under the project?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
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(a) to (c): The Agarbatti industry is covered under the Agro Based and Food Processing Industry (ABFPI) vertical of GVV. KVIC is imparting training to artisans through master trainers/experts/MDTCs on the operation and maintenance of agarbatti machines, as well as on the process of agarbatti making across the country including Karnataka State. During the training period, raw materials are being provided to the artisans and upon completion of the training, Agarbatti machines are also distributed by KVIC to the artisans. KVIC also extend market linkages through its network of assisted Khadi Institutions, exhibitions, sales outlets and online platforms for effective display and sale of products.

State-wise details of Agarbatti Machines distributed to the artisans during the years 2021-22 to 2024-25, including **Karnataka** State are given at **Annexure-I**.

(d): There is no specific proposal for establishment of Centres of Excellence under the Agarbatti Industry.

Annexure-I

| State-wise details of Agarbatti Machines distributed to the artisans | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Sr. No | Name of the State/UT | Financial Year | | | |
| | | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
| 1 | Arunachal Pradesh | 40 | - | - | - |
| 2 | Assam | - | 20 | 40 | - |
| 3 | Bihar | 50 | - | 20 | 56 |
| 4 | Chhattisgarh | - | 40 | - | - |
| 5 | Delhi | - | - | 20 | - |
| 6 | Gujarat | - | 20 | 40 | 80 |
| 7 | Haryana | - | - | 20 | 40 |
| 8 | Himachal Pradesh | - | - | 20 | 20 |
| 9 | Jammu & Kashmir | 40 | - | - | - |
| 10 | Jharkhand | 90 | - | 20 | 20 |
| 11 | Karnataka | 90 | 80 | 40 | 20 |
| 12 | Madhya Pradesh | - | 45 | 20 | 40 |
| 13 | Maharashtra | 260 | 60 | 20 | - |
| 14 | Manipur | - | - | - | 20 |
| 15 | Meghalaya | - | - | 20 | - |
| 16 | Odisha | 50 | - | - | 20 |
| 17 | Rajasthan | 90 | 40 | - | - |
| 18 | Tamil Nadu | 140 | 20 | 40 | 33 |
| 19 | Telangana | - | 40 | 40 | - |
| 20 | Uttar Pradesh | 100 | 20 | 60 | 120 |
| 21 | West Bengal | 50 | - | 20 | - |