

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 503
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2021

SUPPORT TO ARTISANS INVOLVED IN AGARBATTI MANUFACTURING

503. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has been paying special attention/support to Artisans, involved in Agarbatti making and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has issued any special package for the Artisans who are involved in Agarbatti making business in North-Eastern region especially for Tripura State and if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Government would consider projects received from any other State in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any roadmap for the export of Agarbati, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI NITIN GADKARI)

- (a): Yes Sir. Government of India, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has issued ‘Operational Guidelines on “Agarbatti Project”, under “Gramodyog Vikas Yojana (GVY)” Scheme, to be implemented through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) on 04.09.2020, to support artisans involved in making of Agarbatti through training, hand-holding, financing etc. As per this, 500 pedal operated and 400 automatic Agarbatti making machines, along with 80 mixing machines, to individual artisans & Self-Help Groups (SHGs) respectively are proposed to be provided. This will benefit about 1300 artisans. As part of the programme, Centre of Excellence (CoEs) with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Mumbai/Technology Centre of Ministry of MSME and Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT), Nagpur are also proposed to be set up, for machine development and development of various other products.
- (b): One Pilot Project each has been allocated for NER States like Tripura and Assam (with 8 Self Help Groups), under this programme.
- (c): No Sir. At present, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.
