

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3667
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026

Promotion of Cultivated Agarwood Sector in Tripura

3667. SMT. KRITI DEVI DEBBARMAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the significant potential of agarwood cultivation and trade in the State of Tripura for generating rural livelihoods, exports and ecological benefits;
- (b) whether the Government has received any representations from the State Government of Tripura or other stakeholders seeking simplification or rationalization of procedures relating to the transit, certification and export of cultivated agarwood and its value-added products;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to review the existing regulatory framework to facilitate ease of doing business while ensuring compliance with national laws and international obligations under Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); and
- (e) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to promote sustainable cultivation, value addition, scientific inoculation, certification and export of agarwood from Tripura and other North-Eastern States?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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(a) to (e) The Ministry has taken measures to facilitate legal and sustainable export of cultivated agarwood from agarwood-bearing States, including Tripura, having regard to its potential for generation of rural livelihoods, exports and ecological benefits. The promotion of agarwood through agroforestry systems forms part of the Union Budget 2026-27 announcements. The stock of cultivated agarwood available for sustainable export has been assessed through the Non-Detriment Finding (NDF) Study, 2024 undertaken by the Ministry. Based on the recommendations of the NDF Study, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), vide Notification No. 52/2024-25 dated 20.01.2025, notified the annual export quotas for plantation-grown agarwood for the financial years 2024-25 to 2026-27, including an annual export limit of 22,500 kg of agarwood chips/powder/sawdust and 1,047 kg of agarwood oil for Tripura.

Representations have been received from the Government of Tripura and other stakeholders seeking simplification and rationalisation of procedures relating to transit, certification and export of cultivated agarwood and its value-added products. The issues raised have been examined by the Ministry through consultations with the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), DGFT, agarwood-bearing States, exporters, industry associations and other stakeholders.

In order to enhance transparency, efficiency, and ease of doing business for exports, DGFT in consultation with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has developed a dedicated module for issuance of Certificate of Origin (CoO) for agarwood on the Trade Connect ePlatform, a single-window digital system for Certificates of Origin and integrated trade facilitation services. The module enables exporters to submit applications online along with supporting documents and details

relating to source of origin, stock particulars, chain of custody and inspection records, with a view to ensuring transparency, improved traceability, reduced physical interface and time-bound processing of applications.

Further, Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI), Jorhat, provides technical support for scientific inoculation with a view to safeguarding the interests of agarwood growers and preventing exploitation by unregulated service providers. MDoNER supports sustainable cultivation and value addition through projects under the PM-DevINE Scheme, including the Agarwood Cluster Development Project implemented by the North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC).
