NEED AND ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR SSIs:
Small Scale Industries in India are offered a number of assistance and incentives. Some of them are technical support, credit assistance, protection through reservation of products, fiscal concessions, infrastructural support, price and purchase preference, entrepreneurship development programmes, export promotion and small enterprises network.

AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS ENGAGED IN THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL SCALE SECTOR:
In order to fulfil the objective of balanced and sustained small industry development programmes as enunciated in the Industrial Policy Resolutions and in successive Five Year Plans; various agencies and institutions have been set up both at the centre and state levels. The role of various institutions set up specially to promote the growth of Small Scale Sector is quite unique.

The important institutions at national level are;
1. Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO)
2. National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)
3. National Institute of Small Industry Extension and Training (NISIET)
4. Export Promotion Councils
5. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
6. Central Institute of Tool and Design (CITD)
7. Small Industries Service Institute (SISI)

Institutions and agencies engaged in the promotion of SSIs at the Karnataka State level are;
1. Karnataka State Small Industries Development Corporation (KSSIDC)
2. Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB)
3. Karnataka State Investment Development Corporation (KSIDC)
4. Karnataka Small Industries Marketing Corporation (KSIMC)
5. Karnataka State Financial Corporation (KSFC)
6. Technical Consultancy Services Organisation of Karnataka (TECSOK)

District Small Scale Industries Development Corporation, District Industries Centres, District Small Industries Marketing Corporation, KSFC branches, Small Industries Service Institute, Branch of SIDBI, TECSOK, Tool Room and Product-Cum-Process Development Centre are some of the important institutions and agencies engaged in the promotion of Small Scale Sector at the districts level in the study area.150

Besides the above institutions, there are other agencies and associations which are engaged in the promotion and development of SSIs. They are, Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, National Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs, Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Trade Associations, Federations, Pools, Cartels, Association of Women Entrepreneurs at the state level, State Small Scale Industries Association, District Small Scale Industries Association and many other non-governmental organisations engaged in fostering the growth and development of SSIs.