HATHKARGHA SAMVARDHAN SAHAYATA (HSS) YOJANA

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Tamil Nadu	
	1038.41
	2
Karnataka	
	114.22
	3
Maharashtra	
	49.47

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