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Title: Regarding high GST rate on marble-laid

**SUSHRI DIYA KUMARI (RAJSAMAND):** Rajasthan is one of the main producers of marble. Rajsamand is one of the most minerally rich areas in terms of marble concentration. Activities relating to mining contribute to a major part of the economy of the State. However, the consumption of marble is declining because of high GST rate on marble. Consumers today are not even ready to pay 5% of tax on marble, ultimately burdening the factory owners who bear the taxes in order to meet their target sales or shut their businesses. It will result in problems like unemployment, ruin of industry, etc. The Indian marble producers face tough competition from imported marble. Moreover, with the passing of time, the deposits are declining, resulting in substandard quality of stone production and costly labour. Therefore, I request the Government to reduce the GST rate on marble.