

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1029
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. MODEL SALT FARMS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Salt and Marine Research Institute and Salt Commissioner have developed model salt farms in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have received any proposal from various State Governments for setting up such model farms in their States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and follow up action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the details of financial assistance provided/being provided by the Government to such projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN)

- (a): Yes, Madam. However, Salt Commissioner has not developed any model salt farm in Gujarat.
- (b): The Central Salt and Marine Chemical Research Institute (CSMCRI) has established four model salt farms at Dharasana, Kharaghoda, Kuda and Malia-Hatina in Gujarat with the help of NGOs and the State Government.
- (c): Yes, Madam.
- (d): The Central Government received a request from the Government of Gujarat in February, 2012 suggesting Central Government funding for various activities related to salt industry and workers including model salt farms. In the absence of any concrete and specific proposal, no decision could be taken. The State Government has been informed.
- (e): The Central Government has sanctioned three model salt farms at Nawa in Rajasthan, Ganjam in Odisha and Markanam in Tamil Nadu, in collaboration with the CSMCRI and respective State Governments. For such projects, one-third financial assistance is given by the Central Government and the remaining amount is to be shared by the respective State Government and CSMCRI. However, in respect of model salt farm in Markanam in Tamil Nadu, two-third of the cost is being borne by the Salt Commissioner's Organisation (SCO) and the remaining one-third of the cost by CSMCRI. The details of financial assistance provided in this regard are as follows:

S.No.	Model Salt Farm and State	Financial assistance provided by SCO
1	Nawa, Rajasthan	Rs.11.17 lakh [1/3rd of the total cost of Rs.33.50 lakh]
2	Ganjam, Odisha	Rs.3.65 lakh [1/3rd of the total cost of Rs.10.80 lakh]
3	Markanam, Tamil Nadu	Rs.20.00 lakh [2/3rd of the total cost of Rs.30.00 lakh]