

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

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Salt Production in Rajasthan
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of salt producing areas in the country;
- (b) whether a large portion of salt in the country is produced in Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the salt production in Rajasthan including in Barmer district is reducing day-by-day and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to promote the salt production in saline areas of Thar region including Pachpadra and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): At present, the country has around 6.16 lakh acres of salt producing land. The Central Government owns about 60,586 acres of salt pan lands out of which 50,488 acres of land are under salt production in various salt producing States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha and Tamil Nadu.

(b): Rajasthan is the third largest salt producing State in the Country after Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. Out of the total of 268.87 lakh ton of salt produced in the country in 2014-15, the total salt produced in Rajasthan is 21.58 lakh ton.

(c): The production of salt in Rajasthan including in Barmer district during the last three years i.e. 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-5 is as follows:

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In lakh ton
2012-13 2013-14 2014-15
Rajasthan 18.25 17.01 21.58
Barmer district 0.35 0.31 0.31
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From the above, it may be seen that the salt production in Rajasthan including in Barmer district is not reducing day-by-day.

(d): Currently, the Government does not have any proposal under consideration to promote the salt production in saline areas of Thar region including Pachpadra.
