

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

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. MODEL SALT FARMS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Salt and Marine Chemical Research Institute (CSMCRI) and salt Commissioner establishes model salt farms in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating number of salt farms presently functioning in the country, State/UT-wise including Gujarat;
- (c) the financial assistance provided/being provided by the Government to such projects during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal from various States/UTs including Gujarat for setting up such model farms, and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and follow-up action taken by the Government thereon along with the financial assistance provided to such projects?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): (i) Salt Commissioner has established model salt farms in the country as following:-

1. Nawa (Rajasthan), in collaboration with Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute (CSMCRI) and Government of Rajasthan, by meeting 1/3rd of the total cost.
2. Ganjam (Odisha), in collaboration with Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute (CSMCRI) and Government of Odisha, by meeting 1/3rd of the total cost.
3. Marakanam (Tamil Nadu), in collaboration with CSMCRI, by meeting 2/3rd of the total cost.

(ii) Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute (CSMCRI) has established model salt farms in Gujarat as following:-

1. Dharasana, with Rural Technology Institute, Gujarat (RTIG)
2. Kharaghoda in Degam & Kuda with Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA)
3. Venasar in Maliya with Area Networking & Development Initiatives (ANANDI)
4. Bherai in Rajula with Agariya Heet Rakshak Manch (AHRM)
5. Santalpur in Patan Dist. with Agariya Heet Rakshak Manch (AHRM)

(c):(i) During the last three years, Rs 18.00 lakh were released by Salt Commissioner for the model salt farm at Marakanam, Tamil Nadu.

(ii) CSMCRI received financial support from the Government of Gujarat for the model salt farms established by them in the State.

(d) & (e): 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 salt 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.