

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR SALT WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated number of salt workers in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the schemes being implemented by the Government especially for the welfare of such salt workers;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted or is likely to be conducted to assess the effect of these schemes on the living standard of salt workers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

- (a): The average number of labourers employed in Salt Industry State-wise during the last three years is at Annexure-I.
- (b): Salt Department is supplementing the efforts of State Governments by providing assistance for labour welfare schemes/labour welfare works in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Code of Principles approved by the Government. Financial assistance given by the Office of the Salt Commissioner as grants-in-aid under Non-Plan funds for execution of labour welfare schemes is based on the proposals received from the Salt Manufacturers/State Governments. Every year the Salt Department is conducting General Health-cum-Eye Camps and Sports Meets for salt labourers and also granting rewards to the meritorious children of the salt workers.
Central Government had sanctioned Namak Mazdoor Awas Yojana during the 10th Five Year Plan for construction of 5000 houses for salt workers in various States, at a total cost of Rs.24.75 crore out of which the Central Govt's share was Rs. 22.50 crore. Under the Scheme 4972 dwelling units were constructed.
During the 12th Five Year Plan, Govt through Salt Department is implementing Training for Technology Upgradation Scheme to impart training to salt workers for improving their skill. The Scheme was approved in September, 2013. During the previous financial year 2013-14, one training programme was conducted in Chennai region. During the current financial year 2014-15, Rs.30 lakh has been provided under the Annual Plan and one training programme has already been conducted in Chennai Region.
- (c) & (d): No, Madam. However, Namak Mazdoor Awas Yojana (NMAY) Scheme was evaluated by the National Institute of Rural Development (an Organisation of the Ministry of Rural Development).