

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1354.  
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019.**

**DEVELOPMENT OF SALT INDUSTRY**

**1354. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:**

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Gujarat produces more than 70% common salt and more than 57% of total salt produced in India and for that Rs. 40 crore are spent each year by the State Government for the development of Salt Industry and various welfare activities of salt workers;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is also aware that in August, 2012, a meeting was held between the Government of Gujarat and the Union Government to discuss Budget allocation for specific schemes/projects for development of salt industry and agarias;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken to reimburse the State Government for its expenditure on development of salt industry schemes/projects and welfare schemes for the Salt Workers; and
- (d) whether the Union Government would consider to contribute 50% amount of the State Salt Projects so that more projects and better activities can be taken up to enlarge salt producing areas?

**ANSWER**

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री सी.आर. चौधरी)**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY)**

- (a): Out of total production of Salt in India, Gujarat contributes around 81%. Details of Expenditure by Government of Gujarat for the development of Salt Industry and various welfare activities of salt workers are at **Annexure-I**.
- (b): No such meeting was held in August, 2012 between the Government of Gujarat and the Union Government.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d): Any specific and concrete proposal as and when received from the State Government will be examined.

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**ANNEXURE-I**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA  
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**Details of Expenditure by Government of Gujarat for the development of Salt  
Industry and various welfare activities of salt workers for last five years and  
current financial year**

(Amount in Rs. Lakh)

No.	Year	Activity								Total
		Roads	Water	Health	Education	Safety-kit	Cycles	Solar Pump	Others	
1.	2013-14	1886.52	-	-	-	-	76.02	-	37.46	<b>2000.00</b>
2.	2014-15	500.75	-	809.25	18.65	-	-	-	171.35	<b>1500.00</b>
3.	2015-16	60.83	-	1208.43	1527.20	203.54	-	-	-	<b>3000.00</b>
4.	2016-17	179.61	136.07	12.90	1168.92	-	-	-	2.50	<b>1500.00</b>
5.	2017-18	1536.98	340.70	252.46	-	456.00	-	-	28.97	<b>2615.11</b>
6.	2018-19*	-	7.13	-	157.19	-	-	246.96	-	<b>411.28</b>

\* Up to January, 2019

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