

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY & PROMOTION**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 315.  
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2017.**

**SALT PRODUCTION**

**315. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:**

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

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री**

- (a) whether sufficient amount of salt is being produced in the country including from Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is conducting any survey and research to further increase the production of salt in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the main features of the current salt policy;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to formulate any new scheme for the development of salt industry and if so, the details thereof along with its main features;
- (d) the details of the welfare funds/financial assistance provided to the workers engaged in salt industry and their families during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the steps being taken for the welfare of salt workers in the country?

**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): Yes, Madam.
- (b): No, Madam.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d) & (e): The details of welfare funds/financial assistance for the welfare activities of workers engaged in the salt industry along with the steps taken for the welfare activities is annexed herewith.

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## Annexure

### ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (d) & (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 315 FOR ANSWER ON 18.12.2017.

Financial Assistance given by the Salt Department for the execution of Labour Welfare Works for salt workers

(Expenditure in Rupees)

S. No.	Name of the Salt Producing State	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18
		Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan	
1.	Gujarat	1,50,000	26,96,898		3,96,976	2,71,451	0	Rs. 30 lakh has been earmarked under the head "Scheme for Salt Workers".
2.	Karnataka	1,37,775	1,08,000		17,500		0	
3.	Maharashtra	3,51,755	81,000		87,500		35,000	
4.	West Bengal	-	25,000		11,000		0	
5.	Odisha	2,51,776	1,49,000		92,000		0	
6.	Andhra Pradesh	7,09,720	9,81,306	8,85,826	9,14,726	6,87,403	0	
7.	Tamil Nadu	5,56,148	9,49,589		7,22,000	4,19,101	1,40,000	
8.	Rajasthan	2,62,384	10,90,706		29,000		69,905	
9.	Goa	-						
	<b>Total</b>	<b>24,19,558</b>	<b>60,81,499</b>	<b>18,85,000*</b>	<b>22,70,702</b>	<b>13,77,955</b>	<b>2,44,905</b>	-

\* This includes Rs.10.00 lakhs which has been paid towards the Central Salt and Marine Chemical Research Institute, Bhavnagar for conducting two training programmes for the Master Trainers (each training programme for 20 master trainers costs Rs. 5.00 lakhs).

#### Details of steps/ schemes for welfare of salt workers:

Office of Salt Commissioner (SCO), Jaipur has inter-alia taken various steps for welfare of salt workers by extending financial assistance for executing welfare schemes for them as follows:

- Water supply schemes including provisions of water coolers, storage tanks, water tankers mounted on trailers.
- Construction of labour rest shed, crèches, toilets etc.
- Provision of augmentation of medical facilities including conducting general health cum eye camps.
- Provision of community centers and recreation facilities including organization of sports meets, installation of TV sets etc.
- Provision of augmentation of educational facilities for the children of salt workers employed in the salt industry including grant of rewards to meritorious children of salt workers for purchase of books etc.
- Labour housing, subject to the provision of the schemes formulated in this regard.
- Provision of supplying bi-cycles for salt workers.
- Provision for supplying safety kits containing gloves, cap, goggles, gumboots etc. to the salt workers.

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