

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5541.  
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, 2018.**

**DEVELOPMENT OF SALT INDUSTRY**

**5541. 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 per cent common salt and more than 57 per cent 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) whether 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 along with the action taken/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 per cent amount of the State Salt Projects so that more projects and better activities can be taken up to enlarge salt producing areas and if so, the details thereof?

**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 per cent. Details of Expenditure by Government of Gujarat for the development of Salt Industry and various welfare activities of salt workers are at **Annexure**.
- (b): No meeting was held in August, 2012 between the Government of Gujarat and the Union Government to discuss the Budget allocation for specific schemes/projects for development of salt industry schemes/ projects and welfare schemes for the salt workers.
- (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

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5541 FOR ANSWER ON 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL, 2018.

### Details of Expenditure by Government of Gujarat for the development of Salt Industry and various welfare activities of salt workers for last five years

(Amount in Rs. Lakh)

| No. | Year    | Activity |        |         |           |            |        |        | Total          |
|-----|---------|----------|--------|---------|-----------|------------|--------|--------|----------------|
|     |         | Roads    | Water  | Health  | Education | Safety-kit | Cycles | 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> |

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