

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2994.  
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2018.**

**WELFARE OF AGRIAS**

**2994. SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G. FATEPARA:**

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

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री**

- (a) whether the Agrias in Gujarat are involved in production of salt;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the assistance provided to them by the Government; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide housing, electricity, water, education etc. to them?

**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) & (c): Approximately 45,000 Agrias are involved in the production of Salt in the State of Gujarat. The Government, through Salt Commissioner's Organization, conducts a number of activities for the welfare of salt workers. These include construction of labour rest sheds, organizing general medical health-cum-eye camps, training programmes, sports meet, financial assistance in the form of rewards to meritorious children of salt workers etc. The details regarding reward scheme for meritorious children of salt workers in Gujarat during last five years are at **Annexure**. Under the erstwhile Namak Mazdoor Awas Yojna (NMAY), 3058 houses were constructed for the Agrias engaged in salt production in the State of Gujarat, during 2003 to 2008.

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## ANNEXURE

### ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2994 FOR ANSWER ON 06.08.2018.

Details regarding Reward Scheme for meritorious children of salt workers in Gujarat implemented through Salt Commissioner's Organization during last five years are as under:-

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure incurred (In Rs.)</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>
2013-14	18,99,000	1,519
2014-15	19,60,000	1,580
2015-16	-	-
2016-17	-	-
2017-18	14,99,000	1, 233

Note: No Rewards were distributed during 2015-16 and 2016-17.

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