

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2353.
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 15TH MARCH, 2023.**

PRODUCTION OF SALT

**2353. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:
SHRI BALAK NATH:
DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:**

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

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) whether salt is being produced in sufficient quantity in the country including Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any survey or research is being carried out by the Government to increase the production of salt in the country including Rajasthan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to formulate any new plan for development of salt industry;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken for the welfare of salt industry workers in Rajasthan?

ANSWER

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोम प्रकाश)
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI SOM PARKASH)**

- (a): Yes Sir,
- (b): Salt produced during the last 03(three) years in the country, including Rajasthan is as under

Year	Production of Salt (In Lakh MT)
2019-20	280.58
2020-21	265.63
2021-22	265.99

(Source; Salt Commissioner Organization)

- (c): No sir.
- (d): Doesn't arise.
- (e): No sir.
- (f): Doesn't arise.
- (g): The repeal of Salt Cess Act, 1953 in 2016, has led to an increase in the salt production being managed by the States as well as private parties, over a period of time. Some of the schemes being implemented in the country including Rajasthan for the welfare of salt industry workers along with expenditure during the last year and budget allocation of the present year are as under:

S.No.	Name of Schemes/Year	2021-22 (Expenditure)	2022-23(Budget allocation)
1.	Training for Technology upgradation	Rs.4.87 lakhs	Rs.6.0 lakhs
2.	General Health cum Eye-camps for salt industry laborers	Rs.2.49 lakhs	Rs.3.0 lakhs
3.	Sports meet for salt industry laborers	Rs.1.0 lakh	Rs.1.5 lakhs
4.	Grant of rewards to the meritorious children of salt workers	Rs.28.83 lakhs	Rs.34.00 lakhs
