

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2755.
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 05TH AUGUST, 2025.**

**SCHEME FOR GRANT OF REWARDS TO THE CHILDREN OF
SALT LABOURERS**

2755. SMT. KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

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

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) the estimated population of salt labourers in each State, particularly in salt-producing regions;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries under the Scheme for Grant of Rewards to the Children of Salt Labourers during the last five years, State and year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any review of the adequacy of financial support under the said scheme in light of rising costs of education and inflation; and
- (d) if so, whether there is any proposal to enhance the grant amount or expand the scheme's coverage, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)**

- (a): The estimated population of salt labourers in salt producing States are as under:

| S. No. | State | Estimated number of Salt Labourers |
|---------------|----------------|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 5500 |
| 2. | West Bengal | 800 |
| 3. | Odisha | 500 |
| 4. | Tamilnadu | 15500 |
| 5. | Rajasthan | 15000 |
| 6. | Gujarat | 20500 |
| 7. | Maharashtra | 2200 |
| 8. | Karnataka | 225 |

- (b): The number of beneficiaries under the Scheme for 'Grant of Rewards to the Children of Salt Labourers' during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise, are as under:

| State | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
|----------------|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Andhra Pradesh | No award was sanctioned and disbursed during 2020-21 due to COVID | 193 | 142 | 321 | 303 |
| West Bengal | | 08 | 10 | 20 | 08 |
| Odisha | | 22 | 52 | 63 | 83 |
| Tamilnadu | | 290 | 373 | 623 | 438 |
| Rajasthan | | 516 | 493 | 385 | 304 |
| Gujarat | | 942 | 556 | 458 | 420 |
| Maharashtra | | 22 | 9 | 16 | 7 |
| Karnataka | | 16 | 22 | 10 | 10 |
| TOTAL | | 2009 | 1657 | 1896 | 1573 |

- (c): No.

- (d): Does not arise.
